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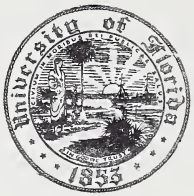

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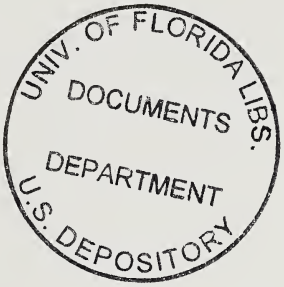
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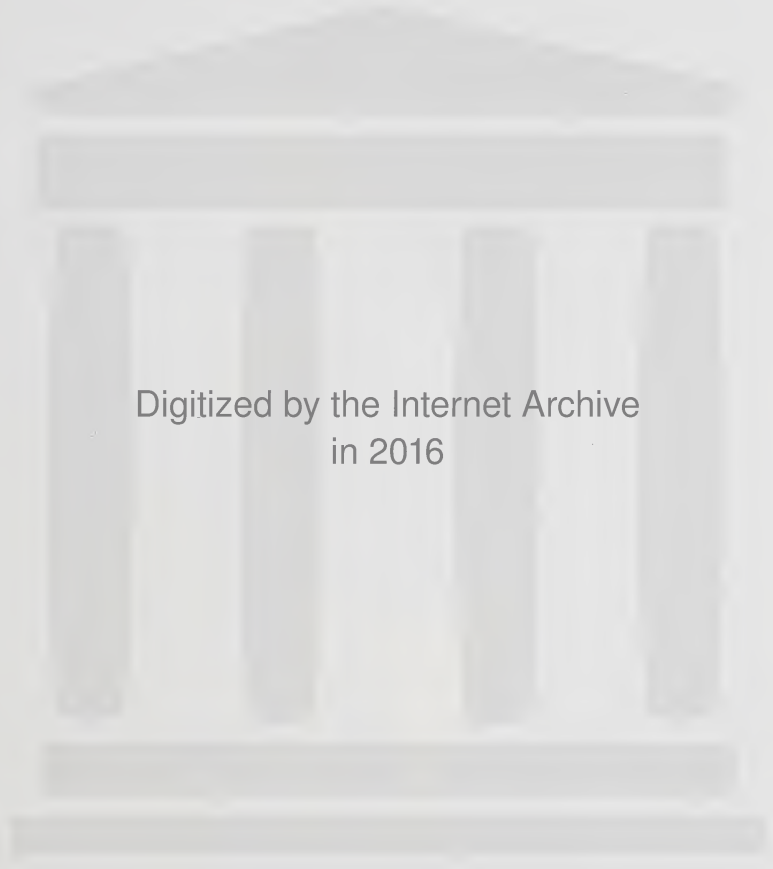
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House Resolution No. 1166

(Submitted by Mr. Bates of Massachusetts)

July 26, 1968.

Resolved, That there shall be printed as a House document such tributes and encomiums as were made in the Congress on the occasion of the passing of the Honorable Joseph William Martin, Junior, former Speaker of the House of Representatives and a renowned and distinguished public servant. This document shall be published with appropriate illustrations and in such typographical design and case binding as is directed by the Joint Committee on Printing.

Biography

Joseph William Martin, Jr., a former Speaker of the House of Representatives and for 42 years a Representative in Congress from Massachusetts, was born in North Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., November 3, 1884; attended the public schools, and was graduated from North Attleboro High School in 1902; received honorary degrees from ten colleges and universities (see p. 3); honored when the Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Elementary School was dedicated in North Attleboro, 1967; reporter for the Attleboro Sun and Providence Journal, 1902–1908; publisher of the Evening Chronicle at North Attleboro, 1908–1968, and also publisher of the Franklin (Mass.) Sentinel; member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1912–1914; member of the Massachusetts State Senate, 1914–1917; chairman of the Massachusetts Street Railway Investigating Commission, 1917; chairman of the Massachusetts Republican Legislative Campaign Committee, 1917; presidential elector on the Republican ticket of Harding and Coolidge in 1920; executive secretary of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee, 1922–1925; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1916, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948 and 1952; permanent chairman of the Republican National Conventions in 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1956; chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, 1938; member of the Republican National Committee, 1936–40, and chairman from July 1940 to November 1942; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-ninth and 20 succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1925–January 3, 1967); Minority Leader in the Seventy-sixth, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth, Eighty-first, Eighty-second, Eighty-fourth, and Eighty-fifth Congresses; Speaker of the House in the Eightieth and Eighty-third Congresses; died on March 6, 1968, while on a winter vacation visit to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, North Attleboro, Mass.

PROCEEDINGS
IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In the House of Representatives

of the United States

March 7, 1968

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.—I Corinthians 16: 13.

God of the ages, everywhere present, everywhere available, and everywhere seeking to enter the heart of man to strengthen him and to sustain him. Be Thou with us this day and reveal Thy way to our waiting hearts. Make us so conscious of Thy presence and so receptive to the leading of Thy spirit that we shall be directed into right paths, make wise decisions, and formulate great plans for the welfare of all our people and the well-being of our world.

With patience and perseverance may we meet the problems that confront us and the conflicts that rage about us. Together may we stand firm in our faith, be strong, and do all things in love.

We remember before Thee one of our leaders who has entered his eternal home. We thank Thee for him and for the contribution he made to our country and to our lives. Receive him into the glory of Thy presence, comfort his family, and make us all aware of the fact that in life and in death Thou art with us. In the Master's name we pray. Amen.

Mr. GERALD R. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of inquiring of the distinguished majority leader as to the program for the remainder of this week and the schedule for next week.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, in response to the inquiry of the distinguished minority leader, we will adjourn today after tributes to

our late beloved former colleague, Joseph W. Martin, Jr. We will put our legislative business over to next week. . . .

(Mr. BATES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 hour.)

Representative Bates of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to officially report to the House the death of our former colleague and Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He was a humble man who rose to great heights, but who never forgot those with whom he worked and struggled on the way up. While he received high honors and greatly prized titles, he was always referred to by those who knew him simply as "Joe" Martin. He was not one for whom pomp and ceremony held any appeal, yet he could lend dignity to any occasion. He was warm, human, and friendly and always had time to lend the hand of kindness and experience to young Members of Congress when they went to him for a sense of direction.

He was the leader of the Republican party for many years, and many of those years were lean years for his party, but Joe was an eternal optimist. Like the fast film which is used in our cameras today, he could project a well-developed picture taken in a light which would reflect but darkness to most of us. The bright side of life was a reflection of his own image.

The Congress of the United States and particularly the House of Representatives, which is closest to the people, has been often acclaimed as the defender of the Republic, as the principal shield in the preservation of our form of government and its institutions, and that it reflects the combined voice of our people. All of us who serve here have been honored in a very special way. Some of us are the sons of immigrants to this country, but there was no need for us to be steeped in tradition to qualify for our positions here. This body, then, is unique not only in terms of modern politics, but it has, in fact, been the long-sought dream of civilization itself.

Our individual position as a Member of Congress is important, but there is another position of even greater significance. I refer to the one man chosen to be our leader as the Speaker of the House of

Representatives. If we are honored to be a Member of this body, how much greater are the laurels accorded to any man who is elected by all the Representatives of the people as their voice. In the long history of the Congress only 44 other men have been so honored. In the 80th Congress, when Joe Martin was Speaker, and there was no Vice President of the United States, he was only a heartbeat away from being President of the United States. He also served as the Speaker of the 83d Congress.

One of the great personalities and statesmen of our times has passed to his reward. He was a valued friend, and his consideration for his fellow man was so evidently sincere that even a mere associate was made to feel as close as his dearest friend. Joe could not be distant to any human being.

His name and fame were known to me long before I knew the man himself, but, I am proud to say, after serving with him in Congress for 17 years, that here, indeed, was a man whose true greatness matched his great reputation. His record was real, not contrived.

I believe that on this day following his death it is appropriate that we quote his official biography as it appeared in the Congressional Directory for the last year he served here in the House. I quote:

Joseph William Martin, Jr., Republican, of North Attleboro, Mass.; born November 3, 1884; educated in the public schools of North Attleboro; honorary degrees: LL.D., Tufts College, Medford, Mass.; LL.D., Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa.; D.C.L., Boston University, Boston, Mass.; LL.D., Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.; LL.D., Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.; LL.D., Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.; master of science, Braford Durfee Technical Institute, Fall River, Mass.; M.S.B.A., Bryant College, Providence, R.I.; Doctor of Jurisprudence, Portia Law School; Doctor of Laws, New England College; publisher of Evening Chronicle, North Attleboro, and Franklin Sentinel, Franklin, Mass.; member Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1912–14; member Massachusetts State Senate, 1914–17; chairman, Massachusetts Republican Legislative Campaign Committee, 1917; Harding-Coolidge presidential elector, 1920; executive secretary, Republican State committee, 1922–25; delegate to Republican National Conventions of 1916, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948, and 1952; permanent chairman of the Republican National Conventions of 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956; chairman, Republican Congressional Campaign Committee in 1938; member of the Republican National Committee, 1936–40; chairman, Republican National Committee from July 1940 to November 1942; in 1924 elected Member of the 69th and each succeeding Congress, including the 89th; elected minority leader 76th to 85th Congresses except the 80th and 83rd, in which he was elected Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, newspapers throughout the world will tell his story. At this early moment following his death, I have but three articles in my possession which touch upon the highlights of his life, and, at this point, I wish to present excerpts from these, as follows:

[From the Boston Globe, Mar. 7, 1968]

JOE MARTIN DIES AT 83 IN FLORIDA—IN CONGRESS 42 YEARS AND SPEAKER TWICE—LIVED, RAN PAPER IN NORTH ATTLEBORO

Joseph W. Martin Jr., a U.S. Congressman for 42 years and Republican leader of the House for half that period, died Wednesday afternoon in Memorial Hospital, Hollywood, Fla., shortly after a sudden attack. He was 83.

Martin, who at one time was first in line of succession to the Presidency, was wintering with relatives in Fort Lauderdale to seek relief from arthritis.

His long-time secretary, Mrs. Alice Agnew of North Attleboro, said the death "came very much as a shock."

"He had taken off some weight," she said, "and everyone who saw him this winter thought he had improved very much."

Mrs. Agnew said Martin had expected to return to his home in North Attleboro this spring.

Funeral services were set tentatively for Monday morning in St. Mary's Church, North Attleboro.

Martin had retired from the public view almost entirely after his defeat for a 22d term in Congress in September 1966.

The loss, one of the few in his half-century political career, came in the Republican primary where he was beaten by Mrs. Margaret Heckler.

That primary night he said: "I've always done the best I know how. If the people want me, fine. If they don't, I ain't going to get upset."

Joe Martin twice served as Speaker of the House, the Nation's second most powerful office, but he never lost touch with his beloved home town, North Attleboro.

Over the years he became a familiar and powerful figure in the Capital, but he always remained a familiar and friendly figure along North Attleboro's North Washington Street.

It was in North Attleboro, a small manufacturing town 35 miles southwest of Boston, that the Joe Martin story began.

On November 3, 1884, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., was born in North Attleboro, across the street from his father's blacksmith shop.

His father, Joseph Martin, who worked 16 hours a day to earn $15 a week to support his wife, Katherine Katon Martin, and their eight children, was a Presbyterian of Scotch descent.

Mrs. Martin, who died at age 96 in 1957, was a Roman Catholic of Irish descent.

Joe was the second child and eldest son.

Young Joe began helping the family finances with his earnings from a newspaper delivery route in his grade school days. It established a pattern that he was to follow through his long political life—direct and friendly contact with his constituents.

While attending North Attleboro High School, Joe became an outstanding shortstop. As a freshman he got five hits while playing against nearby Pawtucket (R.I.) High School. Then he declined a scholarship offer from Dartmouth College, where he later financed the education of two younger brothers, Albert and Edward.

After high school graduation, Joe took a job as a reporter with the North Attleboro Leader. When the newspaper ceased publication after 6 months, he switched to the Attleboro Sun at a salary of $10 a week. Later he worked as North Attleboro correspondent for the Providence Journal.

From an early age Martin saved money regularly. At his death he maintained a savings account which he opened in 1902 in the Attleboro Savings Bank, and in which after several years as a young reporter he had accumulated $1,000.

ROSE TO TOP

With that nest egg, Joe, then 24 years old, raised more money from fellow townsmen and purchased the North Attleboro Chronicle. He was believed to have been the youngest publisher of a daily newspaper in the United States in that period. Under his management, the Chronicle's circulation rose from 800 to 4,000 daily.

Over the years, Martin gradually bought out his partners. In his book, "My First 50 Years in Politics," Martin said his purchase of the Chronicle was the best financial investment he ever made.

"You know," he once said, "newspapers and community service are pretty closely tied together."

So the next step was politics.

Though a militant Republican, Martin got his start in politics as a Democrat—and lost. Without his knowledge, a friend entered his name as a Democratic candidate for the North Attleboro School Committee. He was defeated by 56 votes.

RETIRED IN 1917

His first experience in State politics was as a manager of a friend's campaign for the State legislature. He became fascinated by the rough-and-tumble world, and at age 27 Joe became a candidate himself for the Massachusetts House. He was elected and served from 1912 to 1914, when he was elected to the State Senate, where he served until 1917.

Martin retired from politics in 1917, intending to devote his future to business, which in later years included the acquisition of an insurance agency and a weekly newspaper, the Franklin Sentinel.

In 1922, Republican leaders drafted him to consolidate and harmonize party factions in Massachusetts, and he became executive secretary of the Republican State Committee.

In 1924 Martin ran for Congress in the Republican primary but was defeated. Before the general election, the incumbent Republican died. The local GOP organization picked Martin to take his place on the ticket.

Joe won the election and on March 4, 1925, took his seat in Congress.

"The people of my district have been good to me," Joe Martin said several years ago, "and I intend to represent them as long as they let me."

Most of the people of Joe's 14th District, which includes parts of four counties in southeastern Massachusetts, would agree that Joe also has been good to them.

For the most part, Martin's constituents worked in textile, costume jewelry, and shoe-manufacturing plants or small poultry and dairy farms.

Joe was never too busy to help them all, both the wealthy and those of modest means.

For example, several years ago a young man with several children awaited a substantial income tax rebate. When the check failed to arrive, he wrote numerous letters and made several long trips to the Internal Revenue regional office in Boston. He was informed that the check was being held up by a technicality.

Almost a year passed, and Christmas just a few weeks away, and still the check had not arrived. So the young man stopped into Joe Martin's battered old office in the Chronicle building on Church Street.

GOT RESULTS

Martin, with his broad face, full lips, and tousled black hair that was familiar to millions of television viewers of Republican National Conventions, listened quietly, almost without comment, as the young man explained that although he was a registered Democrat, he needed help. Martin scratched a word or two on a piece of copy paper and the brief interview ended.

Two days later the young man received a special delivery letter from the New England director of the Internal Revenue Service, stating that Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., had requested that the rebate matter be investigated. The following day the long-awaited check arrived and the young man's children enjoyed a merrier Christmas.

Shortly after he went to Washington in 1925, Martin was chosen assistant to the House Republican floor leader, Bertrand H. Snell of New York, and began his rise up the GOP ladder.

In the national campaign of 1936, Martin was eastern campaign manager. He was elected chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee in 1937, succeeding the late Chester C. Bolton.

FRIEND OF FDR

In 1938, when Republican House Members had been reduced to 89—a 50-year record—Martin, as national chairman, swung into action. He raised money and directed a campaign that resulted in 80 new Republicans being elected. The bolstered Republican delegation promptly elected him minority leader.

As chairman of the GOP National Committee, he managed the late Wendell L. Willkie's presidential campaign in 1940. He continued as national chairman until resigning in 1942. He was permanent chairman of the GOP National Convention in 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956. No other man presided over so many Republican conventions.

During the 1940 presidential campaign, Martin said what the country needed was an administration that "will speak softly and carry a big stick, rather than talk big and carry a swagger stick."

Opposed to the New Deal during the thirties, Martin criticized the Roosevelt administration policies with vigor, although he supported the wage-hour and the social security program.

Despite his opposition, Martin and President Roosevelt remained on friendly terms. During a visit to the White House, Roosevelt told Martin he had set a trap for the Republicans in a forthcoming state of the Union message.

"So make sure you don't cheer in the wrong places," he added.

BECAME A SLOGAN

Later the President asked: "Well, Joe, did you cheer in the wrong places?"

Martin replied: "No, Mr. President, we didn't cheer at all."

Roosevelt roared with laughter.

During the 1940 campaign, Roosevelt scored isolationists with his famed crack concerning "Martin, Barton, and Fish." He later told Martin: "The only reason I put your name in was because it rhymed with Barton."

Joe Martin served as Speaker of the House during the 80th and 83d Congresses. During the first term as speaker in 1947, he was first in line of succession to the presidency in the event of a vacancy because at the time there was no Vice President to function.

President Truman advocated the new law soon after he, as Vice President, succeeded President Roosevelt on the latter's death. His reasoning was that an elected official instead of an appointed one should succeed to the Presidency. Previously, the Secretary of State ranked next to the Vice President.

In 1948, Martin was mentioned as a dark horse candidate for President.

A few years later, when the Republicans again controlled Congress, Martin again became Speaker of the House.

AT PEACE

In recent years, Joe (he insisted his friends call him that) remained in the background. He was reelected every 2 years until 1966 with his customary substantial plurality, but seemed content to retreat to comparative obscurity.

A lifelong bachelor, Martin lived for years in a Washington hotel, a short distance from the White House.

"I'm at peace with the world," he said after his defeat as minority leader. "I'm not bitter about anything. I hold no resentment. Why should I? I have no regrets."

He leaves his sister, Mrs. Nettie Kelley, with whom he lived in North Attleboro, and two brothers, Albert Martin, editor of the North Attleboro Chronicle, and Edward Martin, of Wellesley Hills, the newspaper's general manager.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 7, 1968]

EX-SPEAKER MARTIN, 83, DIES IN FLORIDA

(By Richard L. Lyons)

Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former Speaker of the House whose political career spanned more than five decades, died yesterday in Hollywood, Fla. He was 83.

Mr. Martin, who was a Member of Congress from 1924 to 1966, had been spending the winter in Fort Lauderdale. He was stricken Tuesday and died in Memorial Hospital.

At the height of his political power, no man had greater claim to the title, "Mr. Republican," than Mr. Martin, the son of a Massachusetts blacksmith who first won public office in 1911 when he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature.

Calvin Coolidge called him "Jos-eff," accenting the second syllable, but to everyone else he was Joe for more than a half century of public life. He personified rock-ribbed conservatism in the 1930's, but more than that he was a loyal party man and a pro. The Republican Party was his life, and in return it gave him every honor it could bestow except the Presidency.

As a boy, Joe Martin marched in a torchlight parade for McKinley in 1896. As a man, he served in the House longer than any other Republican except "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Speaker 60 years ago. Mr. Martin sat in the House 42 years, was its Republican leader for 20 years, Speaker for 4, chairman of five Republican National Conventions and Republican national chairman.

Finally at 81, he was defeated in the 1966 party primary by a 35-year-old woman, Margaret Heckler, who quoted the words Joe Martin had used in his first race in 1924—that the incumbent was too old.

Mr. Martin started up the leadership ladder during the lean years of the New Deal. He was floor manager of Alf Landon's nomination in 1936, cam-

paign manager for Wendell Willkie in 1941, chairman of the congressional campaign that started Republicans back toward power in the House in 1938 and finally Speaker in the 80th and 83d Congresses.

Sam Rayburn and Joe Martin exchanged the Speaker's gavel four times and were fast friends. Asked once to campaign against Martin, Rayburn reportedly refused, snorting: "Hell, if I lived in his district I'd vote for him."

[From the Washington (D.C.) Evening Star, Mar. 7, 1968]

"MR. REPUBLICAN," JOSEPH W. MARTIN, 83, DIES; FORMER SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Joseph W. Martin, Jr., 83, whose only bride was the House of Representatives he served for 42 years—twice as Speaker—died yesterday in Florida, where he was spending the second winter of his retirement.

The plain-talking Yankee from North Attleboro, Mass., was stricken at the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., home of his nephew, George Kelley. He was taken to Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, where he died. An autopsy is scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

"The country, the Republican party, have lost a great statesman," said Representative Gerald R. Ford, of Michigan, the current head of the House Republican leadership.

A bachelor, Martin's interests were the North Attleboro Chronicle, which he owned since 1906, and the House.

ONLY CHURCH I HAVE

He once refused to shorten the daily prayers of the House chaplain, explaining:

"This is the only church I have, you know."

His long reign as House GOP leader, which included chairmanship of the Republican National Conventions for five straight nominating sessions from 1940 through 1956 and consideration as a dark-horse candidate against Harry S. Truman in 1948, came to an abrupt end in 1959. A Republican caucus unceremoniously replaced him with a younger man, Representative Charles A. Halleck, of Indiana.

Then, in a GOP primary in 1966, he lost his party's nomination to Mrs. Margaret Heckler. He had asked his constituents to send him back for "just one more term."

Characteristically, he found a silver lining in his defeat.

"I'm damned glad to get out of the business of politics," he said. "I can start looking after my health. You can't win them all; I can forget the losses when I think of the successes."

His successes include a total of 20 years as his party's House leader, 21 successful campaigns for Congress, and the title of "Mr. Republican."

After his defeat (in 1966), Martin returned to North Attleboro. Before leaving, he turned in the chauffeured limousine provided him by the House. He had turned it in once before, when he was bounced as GOP leader.

But the House, as a token of esteem—or perhaps remorse—pushed through a resolution making chauffeured limousines available to former Speakers. Joe Martin was the only one.

Mr. Speaker, the historians will recall that this was a common man of uncommon qualities. Today we observe the passing of a distinguished American who served his people and his country well.

Representative Gerald R. Ford of Michigan

Minority Leader of the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the passing of Joe Martin. I was a relatively young man when I first was sworn in as a Member of this body. Joe Martin had already reached the heights, but he was very helpful to me. At no time was Joe Martin ever aloof from any new Member. He was warm, he was friendly, he was anxious to help in any and every way he could.

He was loved by everybody, and he was respected by everyone. Joe Martin was recognized by his political party for virtually every high post in the party organization. I suspect if Joe Martin had wanted it, he could have been a party nominee on the national ticket.

The life of Joe Martin revolved around the House of Representatives. He loved being associated with the 434 other Members of this great body. He believed that the House of Representatives was a bulwark of strength in our American political system. His contribution over many, many years as a legislator in this body is unmatched in American history. One could relate one incident after another to illustrate how he worked for the common good of all people and of our Nation.

Joe Martin was a great American. Joe Martin will be remembered by those of us who served with him as one of the finest men we ever knew.

There was a time when everyone in this country called Joe Martin

"Mr. Republican." This was recognition of the tremendous service he had rendered to the Republican Party and the leadership role he had exercised in party affairs. But Joe Martin was far more than a party leader. He was a dedicated American—a man deeply devoted to advancing the best interests of the United States. He was above all a man who served his country and served it well.

Representative Albert of Oklahoma

Majority Leader of the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, I join the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts and his colleagues and all others who have had the honor of serving with Joe Martin in their words of tribute to one of the great former Members and Speakers of this House. When I came to Congress more than 21 years ago, Joe Martin was at the pinnacle of his magnificent political and legislative career. After long years as majority leader, he had become Speaker of the House in the newly organized 80th Congress. Few men have ever known the House as Joe Martin knew it. Few men were better schooled in the nature and character of American politics. He was one of those whose service has given honor to this body and prestige to the American political system.

The story of Joe Martin is the story of America. He began as the son of a blacksmith and rose to be perhaps the most powerful Republican on the scene at the end of the Roosevelt era. As a young man, Joe was a semipro baseball player, but he was a full-fledged professional in this House and in the politics of this country.

Joseph W. Martin was a stanch member of his party, but more than that, he was a great American. He was a friend of every Member of this House. He was highly respected and beloved on both sides of the aisle. He was kind, friendly, and always considerate of others. His career in the House will long be remembered for its great contribution to the era in which he lived and served. We, of course, are all happy that Joe had a long and useful life—he has earned his eternal rest.

Mrs. Albert and I join in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones and to his great host of friends.

Representative Arends of Illinois

Minority Whip of the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, what started out early this morning as a most pleasant and promising day completely changed to one of sadness for me when I picked up the paper and learned of the passing of my warm personal friend, Joe Martin. A bright, sunny day of hope and cheer suddenly became for me one of discouragement and despair. It just did not seem possible—not even right—that the man with whom I served so many years in the House of Representatives, which he loved, and for whom I had the deepest affection, was no longer with us.

Few people like Joe Martin come into our lives. As minority whip and as majority whip in the two terms he served as Speaker of this House, I worked closely with him. I came to know him intimately. I probably knew him as few people in this House knew him. I knew how he thought, his goals, his ideals, and his principles. To know him was to love him as a man of warmth and to respect him as a man of high principle and great acumen.

Uppermost in his mind, at all times, was what was good for our country, what was good for his district, and what was best for the Republican Party. I recall so vividly, back in the thirties, when our party's political fortunes were at such a low state—when many were predicting its demise and few expressed even the hope of its revival—that Joe Martin confidently continued on tirelessly, night and day, that the Republican Party would live to fight another day.

It can be truly said that our Republican Party owes a debt of gratitude to Joe Martin, and to the few individuals who came to his aid. The entire country owes a debt of gratitude to Joe Martin, more than to any one individual I know, for keeping alive our two-party system of government.

In the fullest sense of the word, Joe Martin was an extraordinary man in many, many ways. I only wish that many of you now serving in the House had been privileged to know him when he first took over the reins of leadership. I wish you had been privileged to observe how astutely and how effectively he operated to make a small

minority voice heard. I can well recall many exchanges he had with Speaker Sam Rayburn. To watch them challenge and maneuver in parliamentary procedures and debate was like watching two giants in combat. And two giants they were.

It is legendary that no two political adversaries ever had the affection and respect for each other as Speaker Sam Rayburn and Speaker Joe Martin, whichever of them occupied the chair while the other contested from the floor. Each knew of the other that he would never betray a confidence nor break a promise. Each also knew of each other that they both had the same objective and that was to do what he thought to be best for the country.

Joe Martin was truly a great man. All of us mourn his passing. Mrs. Arends joins me in extending our sympathy to the family.

Representative Boggs of Louisiana

Majority Whip of the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Bates], the majority leader, the minority leader, the minority whip, and others who have expressed these beautiful sentiments about our late colleague and distinguished Speaker, Joe Martin.

I, too, came here as a young man for the first time 27 years ago. At that time Joe Martin was the unquestioned leader of the Republican Party not only in this House but also in the Nation. As the gentleman from Massachusetts has pointed out, he was devoid of pomp or ceremony. He wore his title and position with simplicity and dignity, and he was always pleasant and friendly and willing to extend a helping hand to a new Member of this body, regardless of the side of the aisle on which he served.

I remember him so well. I soon learned of his deep affection for each Member of this body and of his love for this institution and for what it stands.

He, of course, was a great partisan, but never in the parochial or petty sense. He was a partisan in that he articulated the philosophy

of the Republican Party ably and well and without hesitation, but invariably he put the interest of his country first.

So I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to have known this man and to have been associated with him.

I might say it is a great tribute to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that in a relatively short period of time that great State has produced two great Speakers of this body, one on the Republican side and our distinguished Speaker, who has served us so well and faithfully for so many years, John McCormack.

The Nation has lost a man who upheld the traditions of this body in the best sense of the word. I join in expressing sympathy to the members of his family.

Representative Heckler of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, an era of American history has been brought to a close with Speaker Martin's passing. His remarkable life and colorful career as Speaker of the House of Representatives and five times permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention and chairman of the Republican National Committee have now become an American legend to be recorded as a part of our Nation's history.

It is true of Joe Martin that those who knew him personally will reminisce for years to come and will pass on to future generations their fond recollections of a truly beloved public figure. His constitutents will recall the warmth of his person-to-person contacts. Political scientists will remember his unique and dynamic leadership which prompted President Roosevelt's exasperation and use of the phrase "Martin, Barton, and Fish." Our country will remember the outstanding contributions of a great American leader.

At this moment all Americans, regardless of party, must feel a deep sadness at the news of Joe Martin's passing. I grieve at his loss, and I extend my sympathy to the members of his family.

Representative O'Neill of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of Joseph Martin, former Speaker of this body and a distinguished

and honorable Representative from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Joe Martin, in his lifetime, has been characterized in many ways. But the words used most often to describe him were "loyal," "trusted," and "professional." He had the confidence of every Republican President from Coolidge to Eisenhower, and the respect of every President from Coolidge to Johnson. He represented a way of life, fast disappearing, the life of smalltown America; and his dedication to the principles of that life made him a major force in the Congress and in the Nation.

Joe Martin was born in North Attleboro, Mass., in 1884, the son of a blacksmith. He was educated in their public schools and then turned down a scholarship to Dartmouth College in order to become a newspaperman. It is impossible to say when he entered politics. We can say when he was first elected to office, but it seems as though Joe Martin was always in politics. We know he marched in a torchlight parade for President McKinley in 1896 when he was only 12 years old.

In 1912 he entered the State Legislature of Massachusetts. He served in the house until 1915 when he entered the State senate where he served until 1917. Then he returned to local party offices, serving his area and his party until 1925 when he entered the 69th Congress. He served in this body until the 90th Congress. He was Republican floor leader from 1939 to 1946, 1949 to 1952, and from 1955 to 1959; in the 80th and 83d Congresses he was Speaker of the House.

William S. White has said that the Speaker of the House is the second most influential elected official in Washington. I agree. And some Speakers in our history have shouldered responsibilities beyond those of the typical Speaker: Sam Rayburn, Joe Martin, and John McCormack. These men have had the respect and affection of the Presidents whom they served.

Joe Martin was a loyal party man and is responsible for bringing the Republican Party back to life. He believed in the two-party system and contributed to its strength. For this he earned the respect of all Members on both sides of the aisle.

President Roosevelt paid tribute to his influence in his phrase,

"Martin, Barton, and Fish." President Truman also recognized his power and respected the man who led his party so well.

But Joe Martin was much more than just a party man. The greatest proof of this is that in the fight for the position of minority leader in 1960, he was criticized for working too closely with Speaker Rayburn. I think it shows that Joe Martin put the national interest above party at all times. As Speaker he assisted in the enactment of the Greek-Turkish aid program and the Marshall plan of President Truman. He sponsored and helped pass the constitutional amendment limiting the President to two terms.

Locally, talking about Massachusetts, he was in great part responsible for the Cape Cod National Park and the Minuteman National Park and also for the great work that he did in bringing the NASA installation to Boston.

When I was first elected to this body as a Member of the 83d Congress, Joe Martin was the Speaker. Much of my understanding of and respect for this House developed because he presented such a fine example to freshmen Congressmen. He was at all times helpful, understanding, and fair, and he had the esteem of both sides of the aisle.

He served his district, his State, and his Nation faithfully, fully, and well. We shall all miss him. I join my colleagues in extending my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Representative Rhodes of Arizona

Mr. Speaker, it is always a sad day for Members of the House when we meet together to note the passing of one of our former colleagues, but it is a particularly sad day when we meet to note the passing of a former Speaker.

The speakership is a unique institution, I think, in all legislative bodies. The Speaker of the House is elected by the members of his party, initially, but once elected he is the Speaker of all of the Members whether they be of his party or not.

In modern times—at least in the time since I have been privileged to serve as a Member of this great body—the institutions of this body have been guarded, molded, and extended by three great

Speakers, the late Honorable Joseph Martin, the late Honorable Sam Rayburn, and the great gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. John McCormack.

Mr. Speaker, when I came to the House of Representatives in the 83d Congress, Joe Martin was the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was therefore the first Speaker of the House of Representatives under whom I served. I can attest to his kindness, because of the manner in which he treated all of the new Members of Congress who came to the 83d Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the late Speaker Martin brought us along. He helped us. He helped us to become familiar with the great institution which is the House of Representatives of the United States, its rules and its traditions. He imparted to us a great faith embodied in principle, a great feeling of responsibility for the preservation of this institution, and of the country it serves.

Mr. Speaker, the late Speaker Martin was a partisan man, as has been said here. He liked to win, as all legislative leaders like to win. But he was generous both in winning and in losing. He was a man who believed in his fellow man, who loved his fellow man, and who wanted to help his fellow man in the best way he could. He was a leader among men in every sense of the word. His passing leaves a void among all of us which will not soon be filled.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express, for Mrs. Rhodes and myself, our deep sadness and feeling of loss in the passing of this great son of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the late great and beloved Joe Martin.

Representative Landrum of Georgia

Mr. Speaker, the earliest recollection that I have of the House of Representatives and the high privilege of sitting in it as a Member of this body is the day that Joe Martin was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives at the beginning of the 83d Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I witnessed the transfer of the gavel from the late Sam Rayburn to the late Joe Martin upon that occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to emphasize what the distinguished gentle-

man from Illinois has said just a few minutes ago—I know of no two men who lived in America and who served in this great representative body who, despite their membership in different political parties, combined their intellect and understanding more effectively in the solution of the problems of this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I was a young, new, inexperienced Member of the House of Representatives at that time.

Although he was a member of the opposite party, nevertheless, I found him to be just and fair and even helpful to a young Member of the House from the other party.

Joe Martin was typical of the opportunities that are available to citizens of this Nation—originating from humble circumstances and rising to the highest post in the legislative halls of this Nation. Joe Martin left the House a respected Member of all who had served with him, and he leaves this life with the love and affection of all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the others in extending to his loved ones my genuine sympathy.

Representative Keith of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, I can only add a very few personal observations to those of my colleagues who have spoken here today so fondly of our friend and departed colleague, Joe Martin.

Like many other eminent Americans, Joe had a summer home in my district, and oftentimes when the heat of the political battle would frustrate him here in Washington, he would go up to the village of Sagamore and sit in his living room in a home overlooking Cape Cod Bay, getting strength from the sea stretched out before him.

I believe that he treasured his associations on Cape Cod in much the same way that he treasured the associations he made here in the House. The Cape Codders loved him as did his colleagues in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I join with those of us here today who will cherish

the memory of this man and get and receive inspiration from the example that he set us as a devoted friend and public servant.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow and a sense of personal loss that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to "Mr. Republican," as Joe Martin was known. Certainly no man had greater claim to the title—for 42 years he demonstrated those qualities of leadership, understanding, and wisdom that led his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote unanimously 6 years ago to immortalize him in the Capitol rotunda. It was the first time a living person had been so honored—and Speaker McCormack summed up our feelings at the time when he said:

> Joe Martin is possessed of the intangibles that make a man great.

Son of a blacksmith, Joe was a semiprofessional baseball player and later a newspaperman. He began his political career in the Massachusetts Legislature, and was elected to Congress in 1924—the same year his friend and mentor, Calvin Coolidge, won the Presidency.

Joe Martin, who personified "rock-ribbed conservatism" in the 1930's, voted his district—for the National Recovery Act and social security, against low tariffs. But he moved with the times, and when his mills moved south and a Republican President favored trade, Joe Martin came over to the side of those favoring reciprocal trade.

When Joe Martin was Speaker of the House, his byword was "fair-play," and he always gave equal consideration to both sides of an issue. When I first came to the House in 1958, Joe was a great source of inspiration and encouragement to the freshman representing the district next to his.

As Joe Martin lost some of his aggressiveness and weathered some blows to his position and pride, he was still one of the most effective Members of Congress. He was truly a great man and a great American—and I feel honored to have been his friend and to have worked with him. Mrs. Keith joins with me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

Representative Brooks of Texas

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Massachusetts was Speaker of this body when I first came to Congress in January 1953. No man could have been more gracious or kinder to a new Member than he was to me.

This was typical of Speaker Martin for although he was a strong advocate of his Republican Party, he never let his partisanship affect his kindly manner nor did his party loyalty ever transcend his devotion to his country. When our Nation needed something he did not hesitate to join forces with the Democratic President and his colleagues on this side of the aisle to provide it.

Joe Martin was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word and history will record him as a great statesman and a great patriot.

Representative Bolton of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for the privilege of saying something about the man who was so long our colleague here in the House of Representatives and our leader. Joe Martin was one of my husband's close friends. Later on when my son, Oliver, served here he was like an older brother. So I would like to express today our deep appreciation of his friendship, of his helpfulness, and of his stimulating example, of a strong patriotism that has meant much through the years. When Joe went into the Speaker's chair, how very proud and happy we Republicans were for him and for ourselves. What a privilege to serve under his leadership.

I found him always ready with such sound advice. He always thought of what the answer to the question I asked would do in my district. But also always as to the party, but most of all for the country that he loved.

Perhaps I will be misunderstood a little—but that does not matter to me—because I am rejoicing in Joe's release.

Death to me is an open door to new life, and I feel, with him, a wonderful preparation for further contributions to humanity—whether it is here on earth or whether it is far away.

So I would add my little word of joyous acceptance of his release, although I shall miss him—yes—but I shall not mourn that he has gone. I rejoice for him and I would suggest to all of us here in this House that there is something transcendentally human for a man to serve as he has served and then to go out quietly into what to us is still unkown.

I join with my colleagues in sending my sympathy and understanding to those of his loved ones whom he has left behind. I rejoice that perhaps he has joined others over there.

Representative Burke of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Bates], and I would like to join with my colleagues in this eulogy to one of the greatest Americans who ever lived, a man whose memory will live in the hearts of Americans and in the hearts of those who admire free government. His untimely passing has rendered a severe loss to the people of Massachusetts and the Nation.

Joe Martin was a close and dear friend of mine, his passing has saddened all of us and is a personal loss to me as I had a genuine love and deep respect for him.

As the second child and eldest son of a blacksmith, Joe Martin always followed a pattern that he established in his youth, direct and friendly contact with the people he represented. From an early age, Joseph Martin was determined to serve the people. He was elected to Congress and served from 1925 to 1966. Time and time again, the people of his district, his State, and the Nation looked to Joe Martin to lead the way. Called Mr. Republican by his colleagues, he served as Speaker of the House during the 80th and 83d Congresses. But he looked upon his accomplishments with a distant pride. His closest interest lay in what he accomplished in the day-by-day, year-by-year march of events through Congress. I recall many, many days in this Congress when we sat side by side and discussed many of the problems, not only of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but of the entire Nation and of the world.

Joe Martin was a giant of his times. He was like the old ancient Roman gladiator—always ready to meet the foe on equal terms, to fight him fairly, and to do the job in the way he felt was best.

He served in this body and he was a fine, dedicated, and devoted man. Uppermost in his mind at all times were those things he felt were in the best interest of the Nation.

I recall many occasions when the Massachusetts delegation met to discuss problems affecting their own local districts. Joe Martin was always there, helping out. He was a great man. He was a big man. I never recall one instance when Joe Martin ever said anything that would reflect disparagingly on this great body.

The memory of Joe Martin is the memory of one who was great in spirit and a man who right down to his last days, was a man who gave all for his fellow man.

This House and the Nation has lost much in the passing of Joe Martin, and we stand greatly in debt to his memory as a devoted public servant in the kind of country he helped to build and preserve. With my other colleagues here, I extend my sympathy and my prayers to his beloved ones.

Representative Belcher of Oklahoma

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, I knew Joe Martin longer than I have known any single Member of this body. I met him in 1934 in Topeka, Kans., when he and I were both getting interested in the campaign of Alf Landon. I was a young Republican and Joe was at that time "Mr. Republican." He was the floor manager for Alf Landon. We worked together. Later, in 1941, I came down to Washington as administrative assistant to Ross Rizley who represented our district. We were very anxious to get Ross to become a member of the Committee on Agriculture. I had a great many contacts with Joe, and we were able to secure that seat.

Ten years later, in 1951, I came to Congress and I wanted a seat on the Agriculture Committee. Joe befriended me. He was the leader of our party, and I secured a seat on the Agriculture Committee.

Joe Martin was a warm friend. He was the type of man who got close to men. He was a great statesman. I always marvel at his rela-

tionship with the great Sam Rayburn. Many times I witnessed their skirmishes here. I saw them trade the gavel back and forth many times. I saw Sam Rayburn with tears streaming out of his eyes when Joe Martin was paying tribute to him.

When I came here, Sam was the Speaker. Joe was our leader. The Honorable John McCormack was the leader of the other side.

The House has not been the same to me since those two great men, Sam Rayburn and Joe Martin, have passed on. I do not think it ever will be the same. I have lost a very dear friend, the Nation has lost a great statesman, and I want to extend, along with my colleagues, my sympathy to Joe's beloved ones.

Representative Zablocki of Wisconsin

Mr. Speaker, our hearts are heavy today at the news of the death of the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., a former Speaker of the House of Representatives and a distinguished Representative of the State of Massachusetts for 42 years.

In the history of our Nation there are men who go from this body to other, higher political offices of this land. To them go the attention of the Nation and the world.

Yet there are other men, equally talented and able, who choose to devote themselves to the House of Representatives. For them there is no siren song of ambition. To them, this body, where the voice of the people is most clearly heard, is the highest calling of national service.

Such a man was Joe Martin.

He devoted 42 years of his life to the people of his district and to the House of Representatives. His rise to national recognition and the House speakership was a gradual but progressive one.

His dedication, his wisdom, his strength of character marked him apart—and above—other men. Even those not of his political party and holding divergent views of national policy recognized well his abilities and his contribution to the Nation he loved so much.

It was my privilege to serve in the Congress, over which Speaker Martin presided. He was consistently fair and tolerant with those of us in the minority and earned our respect and admiration.

The Republican Party has given our country a number of great leaders through its history. Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt come readily to mind.

To that distinguished company today we must enter the name of Joseph W. Martin. He was a man who led his party yet never lost sight of the national interest because of partisanship.

He was a powerful spokesman for a conservative philosophy who nonetheless saw the need for much of the social welfare legislation of the New Deal and after. He was a stanch American who saw that the ultimate interests of the Nation demanded our assistance to both the war-ravaged nations of Europe and subsequently the developing countries of the world.

Mr. Speaker, the career of Joe Martin will remain fresh in our minds and the minds of all Americans as the years roll on. For in his life and his contribution to our society he represented a model of service and dedication to which we must compare our own efforts.

Longfellow once said that great men leave behind them "footprints in the sands of time." The path which Joseph W. Martin chose stretches before us. We can do no better than to follow after.

My wife joins me in extending sincere condolences to his family. Let us all be consoled that the good Lord has chosen him to be numbered His very own.

Representative Widnall of New Jersey

Mr. Speaker, this is a very sad day for all who knew Joe Martin and for the United States. Joe was a great man, a humble man, a sincere man, and a warm, a very warm individual.

Those of us who have been privileged to know him through the years will remember 101 incidents that took place and will cherish his memory in many, many ways. My own fond recollection of the former Speaker goes back to the day when I was sworn into office after a special election in February 1950. I remember the first warm friendly hand which was extended to me was that of Speaker Joe. He put his arm around me and took me down to the well of the House, where the gentleman is now standing, and said, "Just remember this one thing: Many a man has committed suicide here. Never

speak until you have something to say and you can back it up factually." It was very sound advice then, and it is certainly sound advice now.

When he spoke, we listened. We could believe his words and we could trust his intentions. More than that, we cannot ask of any one man. From the example he set as a man and as a legislator and as a leader, he bestowed a legacy from which all Americans can draw inspiration.

Representative Sullivan of Missouri

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of former Speaker of the House Joseph M. Martin, of Massachusetts, whom I considered a dear friend and always a fine and courtly gentleman.

I shall never forget how kind and fair he was to me as a freshman Democrat in the 83d Congress. There were not many freshman Democrats in that Congress, and there were a lot of new Republican Members elected in the 1952 Eisenhower sweep; furthermore, Mr. Martin had many duties and responsibilities in connection with the change in the operation of the House from Democratic to Republican control and then, a few weeks later, the changeover in the control of the national administration from Truman to Eisenhower. And he had had only 2 years' experience in the speakership from 1947 to 1949 in the 80th Congress. So he had every right to devote himself to the much more important problems which confronted him as Speaker and not worry about the problems of a brandnew freshman woman Democratic Member of this House.

Nevertheless, Speaker Martin went out of his way in many directions, and on many occasions, to help me in my work and to make me feel that, despite my many limitations, I could learn how to fulfill my obligations as a Member of the House and serve my constituents. He gave me added courage which I certainly needed at the time.

So, although I had not, of course, voted for Joe Martin for Speaker, because we had our own candidate for that position, I always felt that as Speaker he tried to be fair to all of us and to treat us as friends, as well as colleagues, devoted to the same ideals of patriotism and service to our country. He knew how to encourage

and strengthen the newer Members, and he had the rare, warm qualities of brotherhood which prompted him to let his friendship for us always show through. Dignified as he was—and he was a very dignified gentleman—he never hesitated to let us know that we were his friends and that he loved us as we loved him. He was a fine man.

I extend my deep sympathy to his family.

Representative Schwengel of Iowa

Mr. Speaker, I will speak very briefly to say I join all our colleagues who are taking time to pay tribute to a great American who has left his mark in history. Probably very few people in the history of the House will receive the kind and volume of tribute that he is receiving here today—and it is one that is deserved. Great as it is, however, I point out that whatever we may say and whatever will become part of the permanent record of special credit for him, it will be no match to the record he made and is already in the Congressional Record.

I would like to speak just briefly about an aspect of Joe Martin that has not been said with sufficient emphasis and that is, he was a statesman.

The cause of his country was first. I recall, as a freshman, when we were having a difficult time here on the House floor, and things sort of got out of control. There was something very important, which dealt with foreign affairs, which President Eisenhower felt needed consideration and needed favorable action on the floor. Amendments were being adopted, and it was obvious that objective was not going to be reached. I sat here and saw then Speaker Rayburn come to talk to our then leader and heard him say, "Joe, our country is in trouble. You and I have got to get together." So they did. They took their turns in the well, and they reversed the trend of what was going on in the legislative Halls, and our country's cause was served. So I pay tribute to him as a great statesman who served and made special contributions that designate him a truly great statesman who literally gave his life for his country.

I can also testify to his personal interest in me as a freshman, as many on both sides of the aisle have already testified. I remember particularly his telling me—and others no doubt—"as you earn your spurs here, remember if you want to be respected both here and at home you will have to do your homework. Do your homework and your future will be fairly secure." Joe Martin, the record shows, practiced what he preached. "He too did his homework."

Mr. Speaker, Joe Martin is gone but the marks he made will remain forever. They are a part of our history and heritage. His achievement and his contributions are ours and they are for posterity. From his record we can learn; we can get sustenance; we can and will grow, be statesmen, and become great if we will always do our homework.

Representative Brown of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, I served only 1 year with Joseph W. Martin, Jr., but my father and predecessor served with him for 27 of those 42 years Mr. Martin had here in the House. They were colleagues. And though they were occasional adversaries, they were always friends—friends with a depth of fondness for each other and for this body which can only grow from common beliefs, shared experiences, and mutual respect.

Joe Martin was on his way to leadership in this body when my father came to Congress with the Republican revival in 1938. He was the first great national figure in the Congress I remember meeting personally. As a young boy I can recall the thrill and awe I felt one evening when he dined at our home and I was privileged to stay up and listen to him and my predecessor discuss their philosophy, their legislative ideas, and their hopes for the Republican Party and the Nation.

Joe was a newspaperman and retained that interest through his career. Since it is a career also shared by my predecessor and me, I feel that it gave Joe Martin a perception and candor which made him a straight thinker and a good politician.

When he was no longer Speaker, Joe Martin gave the chair in

which he sat behind that dais in this Chamber to my late father. Dad kept it until his own death, and I am now the proud possessor of it.

When youngsters used to come into dad's office he would sit them on the chair and say: "A great man used to sit in that chair, and his legs did not reach the floor, either. But when he stood up, he stood tall."

I said they were adversaries. Joe Martin was for Landon in 1936 and my father was for Frank Knox. But after the convention battle was over and the order was decided, they campaigned together in that losing cause. That is the kind of political experience which makes for long friendships and interesting memories.

Total agreement is not the test of respect and affection. Joe Martin took his positions on what he thought was right, and he had to be a master strategist in this body because of the historic situation in which he found himself as minority leader and Speaker here. The affection in which he was held on both sides of the aisle attests to the fact he played the game straight just as he had played it hard in order to win the spot he will surely hold in history as he will in the hearts of his colleagues.

Whenever he stood up to be counted on anything, he did stand tall in this House. And he is standing tall wherever he is now. I really wish I could hear the conversations that he and my father are having now, because I know that they are together—perhaps not always in agreement, but together—colleagues as always and, as always, friends.

Representative Conte of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to the many who have already paid tribute to a remarkable public servant, our beloved colleague Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

It was my good fortune to know Joe Martin, and to learn from him, from the very beginning of my years in Congress. During his years of service in this Chamber he gained the well-earned respect and affection of his colleagues, and an equally well-earned reputation as "Mr. Republican" within his own party.

I think it is tragic that we somehow save our finest tributes to men and reserve our praises for their qualities and accomplishments until their death. We always seem to be at a loss for an adequate response to the passing of men of the stature of Joe Martin.

I first heard of Joe Martin as a boy in Massachusetts. I heard of a blacksmith's son who had come to Congress from our State, full of youth and fire and a passion for truth.

When I came to the 86th Congress, I knew him as a man unrivaled in the history of this Nation as a true champion of the causes he felt were right for his country.

Joe Martin sat in the House for 42 years, and was its Republican leader for 20 of those years. He was Speaker of the House for 4 years and chairman of five Republican National Conventions.

The spirit of Joe Martin will remain in this Chamber long after the man is gone, but his memory will serve as an inspiration to all members of his party—and all patriotic Americans of all parties—for many years to come.

Representative Morgan of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, all of us, regardless of party, are saddened by the death of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who served the House of Representatives with such distinction during most of my service in the Congress.

He was a great statesman. Although he was a dedicated and distinguished leader of his party, he never lost sight of the national interest, and always placed our national security above considerations of party politics.

I regard it as a privilege to have served with him in the House. Those of us who knew him will always retain fond memories of him. His name will live in history.

Representative Edmondson of Oklahoma

Mr. Speaker, America lost one of its great sons and the Congress one of its most distinguished former Members yesterday, with the

death of our beloved former Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin.

Joe Martin was a great person and a memorable character, whose service to his country was marked by many legislative achievements. In the memory of more than half of our country, he was the only Republican who has served as Speaker of the House of Representatives in recent times.

All who served in the House during Speaker Martin's terms as Speaker will surely remember him for his fairness, his good humor, and his consideration for his colleagues in both political parties.

It was a privilege to serve with this great American, and a pleasure to know him as a friend.

Representative Snyder of Kentucky

Mr. Speaker, I rise to say a few words about an old friend—Joe Martin. When I came to the 88th Congress I soon learned to know one man loved by all. He was still referred to by many as "Mr. Speaker." When the going got rough, his words were listened to by all. He spoke seldom—but when he did—the Hall was silent for we all wanted the benefit of his wisdom.

When new Members needed counsel Joe Martin was available. You could see members of both parties slip into the seat beside him—get a friendly smile—and absorb his words of wisdom.

Others can and have spoken of his earlier days here. I can only speak of his golden years; but I can testify that these were most productive—and good for the people of the Nation. The people of generations to come—as well as those of today—are better for his having passed this way.

As a younger Member of this body, Mr. Speaker, I can truly say, "We loved him, we admired him, we respected him."

Representative Goodling of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, all of us are saddened by the passing of our former colleague, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Even though he

was no longer serving in this Chamber, his spirit has been with us in all that we have done.

I had the privilege of serving 4 years with Joe Martin, and it was a wonderful experience to work with him and to have him for a friend. His efforts were untiring, and he was always dedicated to getting the legislative job done in the most effective manner. As a friend, one could always rely upon him being right where he was most needed.

Joe Martin played a very prominent part in the Republican National Conventions and always performed nobly and well. He was known for his fairness and for his dedication to principles in these convention proceedings. He has left a record in convention halls that will always prove difficult to emulate.

Joe Martin held many high political posts in his lifetime, one of these being the Speaker of the House of Representatives. His was a life that was meaningful and expansive, and as he gave unselfishly of himself in public service, so has the American society benefited.

While Joe Martin has left our presence, his memories will remain—he was truly a great statesman, a wonderful human being, and a friend.

Representative Bennett of Florida

Mr. Speaker, this country has received a great loss in the passing of former Speaker Joe Martin, a great gentleman and a great American. He was a personal friend of each of us and he left a legacy to all the American people in the constructive legislation which he sponsored and directed. The affection felt by Members of Congress for him was partly the result of his great ability, but more because of his warm human qualities. As paradoxical as it may seem, in my own instance a part of my affection for him was due to the small accidental errors which he occasionally made. They were not important but they tended to emphasize the really important things about him. He was not bothered with trifles and he showed little concern for himself. He recalls for me the saying of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "See how the masses of man worry themselves into nameless graves, while here and there some noble soul forgets himself into immortality."

Representative Whitener of North Carolina

Mr. Speaker, the people of Massachusetts and Americans everywhere have sustained a great loss in the passing of our distinguished former Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr. With his death the Nation has lost an elder statesman whose outstanding record of public service covered more than half a century.

Born in North Attleboro, Mass., on November 3, 1884, and educated in his native State, Joseph W. Martin became a successful newspaper publisher before entering public service. On his election to the Massachusetts State House of Representatives in 1912 he embarked upon a career of public service to the people of his State and Nation which will long be remembered as exemplifying the very finest of American ideals.

From March 4, 1925, when he took his seat in the House of Representatives, until the day he retired from the House, the career of Joseph W. Martin was exemplified by his devotion to duty and the best interests of his State and Nation. He was a kind, gentle, and able man. All those who had the privilege to share his friendship came to admire and respect his sterling virtues.

Our late Speaker lived and labored through a great era in the history of his Nation. This country is a much better place in which to live and work by reason of the dedicated service of Joe Martin. He has passed from the earthly scene of his many accomplishments, but he shall long be remembered as one of the great Americans of his age.

Representative Feighan of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, it is with great regret and sorrow that I learned of the passing of our very distinguished former colleague, Joe Martin. When I first came to Congress in 1943, Mr. Martin was then a veteran of 20 years service, and I shall always remember his warm welcome to me, his patience, his gracious attitude, and his courteous consideration to new Members of Congress. He had a warm and sympathetic personality and seemed never too busy to share problems with his colleagues. As Speaker of the House, Mr. Martin

served with dignity and dedication, but he kept on the same friendly terms with Members of Congress that he had previously enjoyed. I am happy to have had the privilege to know and to serve with this fine gentleman, who has passed to his eternal reward.

Representative Morse of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a sad moment which calls me to speak today. It was with deep grief that I learned this morning of the death of my good friend and former colleague, Joe Martin. One of the highest privileges of my life was to serve in this body with him. Like all of those who have been enriched by knowing him, I can speak only in the highest terms of his dedication to his country, his State, and the Republican Party.

Joe Martin began his long career in public life in 1911 when he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1924 he came to the House of Representatives where over a period of 42 years of loyal and enthusiastic service he rose to positions of influence and national prominence. He was leader of the Republican Party in the House for 20 years, Speaker of the House for 4 years, five times the chairman of Republican National Conventions, and national chairman of the Republican Party from 1940 to 1942. His labor on behalf of his party was tireless. It was Joe Martin who was chairman of the congressional campaign that started the Republican Party back toward power in the House of Representatives for the first time in almost 20 years. No man in this century has better deserved the title of "Mr. Republican."

I am proud of his dedicated service to the Nation, the State of Massachusetts, and to the Republican Party. Speaker Martin will long be remembered in the Halls of Congress and throughout America with the greatest respect, affection, and gratitude.

Representative Rhodes of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing sorrow over the death of the Honorable Joseph Martin, former Speaker of the

House of Representatives. His death ends an illustrious career of a truly great and dedicated American.

Although our political views differed, we were good personal friends. He was most willing at all times to do a personal favor for a colleague whenever he possibly could.

Joe Martin was held in esteem and respect by all of his colleagues and by all who knew him. His name will live in history as one of the most respected and able political leaders of our time. He shared a close friendship with former Speaker Sam Rayburn and with our distinguished Speaker, the Honorable John W. McCormack.

Joseph Martin was a stanch Republican who had a long tenure in the House of Representatives including many years as his party's leader. Yet he always enjoyed the admiration, respect, and friendship of his Democratic colleagues. On many occasions they paid him glowing tributes.

The Republican Party has lost a great leader. The Nation has lost one of her greatest statesmen.

Representative Rooney of New York

Mr. Speaker, it was with a feeling of personal loss and deep sorrow that I, this morning, learned of the death of our friend and former colleague, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts. A great era in U.S. history draws to a close with his death. It was a privilege for me to be part of the Speaker Rayburn-Speaker Martin era here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have indeed been fortunate in having such men as Joe Martin and our present Speaker McCormack representing them. Joe Martin was first elected to the 69th Congress, which convened on March 4, 1925, beginning 42 years of labor on behalf of those who had sent him here and for the principles of his party. His integrity, his word as his bond, and devotion to his party were legendary. Even though we were on opposite sides of the aisle and had many differences of opinion, those differences in no way diminished my admiration and respect for Joe.

While there are physical monuments in honor of Speaker Martin, no great legislative accomplishments bear his name. However, any-

one who takes this as a sign that Joe's years of service were unfruitful in this regard is laboring under great disillusionment. His accomplishments and successes will not be found in the history books but in the hard fought battles of the legislative process which brought about the enactment of the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the United States is a better place because Joe Martin passed through and gave unstintingly of his talents. All of us who had the privilege of knowing Joe Martin as a friend and as a colleague will miss him but we shall cherish the memories he gave us. The surviving members of his family have my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Representative Monagan of Connecticut

Mr. Speaker, all Members of the House, on both sides of the aisle, are saddened today by the news of former Speaker Joseph W. Martin's death.

The House was his life, and the gentleman from Massachusetts will be long remembered for the dedication, patriotism, and humanity which he brought to it. He served with distinction in this Chamber for 42 years—longer than any Republican except Speaker Joseph G. Cannon—and was House leader of his party for 20 years. He also served his party as chairman of five Republican National Conventions and as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

A generous and resourceful man, Joseph Martin turned down a scholarship to Dartmouth College to become a newspaper reporter. Years later he bought his hometown newspaper, the North Attleboro, Mass., Evening Chronicle, and financed Dartmouth educations for two brothers. He was subsequently awarded an honorary Dartmouth degree.

As an alumnus of Dartmouth and a friend of the Martin brothers, I recall with pride their contributions to Dartmouth, to the fourth estates of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and, of course, to the Congress of the United States.

Joseph Martin has been a key figure in the House of Representatives in this century. His former colleagues, and fellow Americans, mourn his passing.

Representative Pelly of Washington

Mr. Speaker, one of the great political figures of our time has gone to his reward and those of us who were his friends and served in Congress under his leadership cannot help but mourn his passing although he had an unusually long and useful life.

Joe Martin was like an old shoe. You could not help but feel comfortable with him. Even when I first became a Member of the House, and he was Speaker, he was never aloof. He was always approachable and no Member, of either party, no matter who you were or how long you had been in Congress, but received patient and courteous attention. No request for help but had his sympathetic consideration.

While he and the Democratic leaders, especially Sam Rayburn, worked together, everyone had reason to know he was a firm and unwavering Republican and believed deeply in the philosophy of his party.

Joe always stayed close to "his troops." He sat at the Republican roundtable at lunch and so it was freshmen Congressmen and those of us who were rank and file had the benefit of his friendship and learned to respect his wisdom and character. He was always straightforward and frank and would never misrepresent facts.

Mr. Speaker, I admired Joe Martin. One of the great privileges of my political life was knowing him and serving under him.

During his latter years in the House when it was obvious that physically he was failing, it was heartwarming to see him carry on gallantly—old warhorse that he was.

Since his retirement I often thought of Joe and only the other day inquired about him and his whereabouts. Now I will not write that letter I planned, but as long as I am still around I will never forget Joe and will carry with me fond recollections of one of the finest Americans I have ever known—Speaker Joe Martin.

Representative Philbin of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved to learn of the passing of our beloved friend, Speaker Joe Martin.

For years he was an outstanding figure on the American political scene. He rose from humble beginnings to the very high position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of the most exalted positions of honor and power in the land.

His career was marked by extraordinary devotion to the public interest, and his long, sustained work to strengthen and advance our great country in every sense, not only economically and socially, but spiritually as well, will long be remembered by a grateful nation. His accomplishments for his constituents, for his State and Nation were so numerous and so noteworthy that I could not even begin to mention them in these remarks.

Joe Martin worked his way to the top largely by his own efforts and the support of loyal friends, who had confidence in his ability and high purpose. He was conservative by nature, but quick to perceive that which was best for the country and was willing to adapt himself to meet new situations and new problems.

He was strong and rugged in his convictions, but always open to argument, reason, and persuasion, and willing to reach a consensus. He was strong of character, and followed rigid principles of honesty, industry, and loyalty to his friends. He believed that hard work every day was indispensable to achievement.

He was widely known and frequently consulted by other leaders, businessmen, educators, and constituents because of his faculty of measuring public questions, indeed, everything that was presented to him, in terms of sound, commonsense, and solid judgment, based on experience rather than theory. He was trusted and respected for his sound, sensible, practical views.

Many Members of this House on both sides of the aisle frequently consulted with our genial and beloved Joe and found him a kind of catalyst in shaping their own opinions.

I should say that perhaps the predominating thing about Joe Martin as a public figure was his intense patriotism and love of this country which always seemed to me to be a very part of his nature, an automatic, instinctive reaction.

While he was a vigorous, militant partisan when the occasion required it, and greatly honored by his party, he was never a partisan when the cause of his country was concerned or when friendship was involved.

When he was Speaker, as he was on two occasions, time and time again, he came eagerly to the aid of the President not of his own party, and he worked loyally with his dear friend, our great and beloved Speaker McCormack, then majority leader, when great national issues were at stake, and he did so with wholeheartedness and determination that left no doubt as to where he stood.

His career in Congress spanned some 42 years in the history of the United States, during which the Nation and the world were shot through with war, social unrest, and great changes in the political and social order.

Through it all, whatever turn the wheel of fortune took, Joe Martin took his position, fought for it as best he could, and imperturbably scanned the scene to see what more he could do to help the country and the people.

I have many precious, personal recollections of Joe Martin, who was one of the finest men I have ever known in or out of politics, but the one I think most indelibly impressed on my memory is of him some years ago while presiding over the House, on the day that the Puerto Rican nationalists entered the Gallery and fired pistol shots in all directions. At the time, naturally, there was great excitement and alarm, but on the whole, considering what was happening, surprisingly calm reaction.

Many of the Members were standing around looking at the gallery to see what was happening, and when they realized what the situation was, quickly dove into nearby shelters to escape the fusillade of shots that sprinkled the Chamber, and left their marks on the desks, seats, walls, and ceiling.

Several Members were seriously shot during this incredible affair, and it was only by the grace of God that many on the floor at the time were not killed.

I had stepped out of the House to answer a call, and when I returned to my seat, one which I occupy 99 percent of the time I am present in the House, it was occupied by my dear and distinguished friend, Hon. Cliff Davis, of Tennessee, who offered immediately to give it up to me.

Of course, I declined and sat a few seats off the aisle just ahead of my regular seat. Regrettably, during the fracas, Congressman Davis

was struck, although fortunately his injuries were not serious. Only the intercessions of my guardian angel spared me that day.

Meanwhile, through all the turmoil, Joe Martin, on the rostrum presiding over the House, had taken his gavel and retreated to a point directly behind his chair, adjacent to one of the large columns where he might have some protection from the bullets, and was reaching out pounding the gavel, demanding that the House come to order.

This was an example not only of the raw courage, but of the keen, alert mind which Joe Martin possessed.

Joe Martin was a very generous and amiable person. He was a good, loyal friend to very many people, and beamed with good nature and friendliness.

He was also a willing counselor, and always had time to listen to younger Members' problems and give them a word of advice and, if necessary, some help.

During the latter years of his service in the House, after he had retired from the speakership, he used to sit right across the table from my own seat and that of the able, distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts, our esteemed friend, Mr. Donohue and, of course, we saw a great deal of him and frequently had the opportunity to exchange views with him.

On many occasions we also flew back and forth between Boston and Washington with him.

Our loss is indeed great and the country's loss is very great, because we have lost one of the greatest Americans of our time. Speaker Martin has left an illustrious record in these halls which has been indelibly written into the history of our country, and which will long be remembered as an example of stalwart, unflinching Americanism. He was an honest, able, faithful public servant, marked by constant, unceasing concern for his district, his State, his country, and the American people.

Joe Martin will be widely mourned and greatly missed, and with deepest grief, I join his bereaved family in their sorrow, and in mourning this great American and dear friend, who has served our country so faithfully and so well, and has left us all such a rich heritage of dedicated statesmanship and devotion to the Nation.

My heart goes out to Joe Martin's bereaved family, to whom he was so deeply and dearly devoted, and I extend to all of them my deepest, most profound sympathy for the great, irreparable loss they have sustained, which is, indeed, the loss of all of us who knew Joe Martin.

A great, a good man, a gentle, modest man, a great American leader, a dearly beloved friend has laid down his burdens and responded to the final rollcall of the Divine Master.

May the good Lord bless and keep him forever.

And may this great Speaker and dear friend find rest and peace in his eternal home.

Representative Ullman of Oregon

Mr. Speaker, in the passing of Joe Martin, this country has lost one of its finest sons.

It was my honor and privilege to have served with this eloquent gentleman in this House of Representatives. Joe Martin distinguished himself as Speaker and as minority leader of this body for many long and productive years. Anyone who had the good fortune to meet him was soon aware of his exceptional capabilities as a legislator and statesman. He was blessed with the ability to be a keen observer and yet at the same time be an active participant.

Joe Martin had as many friends as any one I can remember. He was a close personal friend of the late Speaker Sam Rayburn, and just about everybody on Capitol Hill. I know that my sorrow at hearing of his death is shared by all my colleagues, and by the Nation.

Representative Matsunaga of Hawaii

Mr. Speaker, as a representative of the youngest State of the Union, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of a former Member of this House, the late Joseph William Martin, Jr., who gave the greater part of his life to the service of his country and to his State which is one of the oldest in the Nation.

As one who lived in Cambridge, Mass., for 3 years, while a student at Harvard Law School, I have always had a warm spot in my heart for the people of Massachusetts. For this reason I sought the friendship of the former Speaker at the earliest opportunity during my first term in Congress. He impressed me deeply with his warm personality and friendliness. He expressed his pride in having played a part in granting statehood to Hawaii, and in the fact that his State of Massachusetts had played a major role in the early history of Hawaii.

Joe Martin has left an indelible mark in this Nation's legislative history. His forthright speech, devotion to duty, and integrity of character will long be remembered. In the true American tradition, he came from humble beginnings and rose to enviable heights, an able and highly respected statesman.

It is almost impossible to speak of Joe Martin's record as a public servant without also mentioning his steadfast loyalty to the party of his political allegiance. He discharged the duties of his elective office to the best of his ability, but he served his party as only a true leader can.

This Nation is richer for having had Joe Martin as a citizen.

Representative O'Hara of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, the boundaries of the world that I have known narrowed when I read in the morning newspaper of the passing of a great and beloved American, the Honorable Joseph William Martin, Jr. Joe Martin and I were not too far apart in years, he being my junior by some 2 years. When I was Lieutenant Governor of Illinois he was a member of the State house of representatives in Massachusetts and while I was still serving as president of the senate in Illinois Joe Martin had moved to the senate of the State of Massachusetts. Long had he been famous, his name a household word throughout the Nation, one of the great figures in the Republican Party when I came to the Congress. He had served as Speaker in the 80th Congress, and when I arrived here in the 81st Congress he was the ex-Speaker, the minority leader, and the idol of all Republicans everywhere. It was my great privilege to serve as a Member of

the House when he was its Speaker in the 83d Congress. He was considerate at all times. He was kindly in every way and I have sweet memories of so many very nice things that he did for me when he was the Republican Speaker and I was a relatively new Member on the Democratic side. Through the years after that we remained close and warm friends and I was heartbroken when he left the Congress.

Representative Langen of Minnesota

Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges of serving as a U.S. Representative is the privilege of getting to know some of the greatest leaders and patriots of our time. Today, we honor the memory of a man who was not only a great leader and patriot in our present time, but one who will rank among the greatest Americans of all time. Known as "Joe" to everyone, the late Joseph W. Martin, Jr., stamped an indelible mark on his Nation and this House.

Compared to Joe Martin's 42 years in this body, my 10 years on the scene stamp me as a Johnny-come-lately, but it was my privilege to have served with him and to have benefited greatly from his example and counsel.

I recall the death of another great leader, the late Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio. He was called "Mr. Republican." We in the House have had our own "Mr. Republican" and he was Joe Martin. While always putting the welfare of the entire Nation first, he nonetheless rebuilt the Republican Party during the thirties, becoming a moving force in the art of minority politics.

The Republican Party and this House was his life, and in return he was given many honors. He was our Republican leader for 20 years, Speaker of the House for 4, was the chairman of the Republican National Committee as well as chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee. He chaired five Republican National Conventions.

None will forget Joe Martin's performance at his last national convention at San Francisco's Cow Palace in 1956, when a delegate tried to nominate "Joe Smith" for Vice President. A newspaper article this morning reminded me of the bedlam that followed, and

Joe Martin's voice rising above the melee shouting, "Take your Joe Smith and get outta here." The nonexistent Joe Smith henceforth became part of political folklore.

I am also reminded of the story about the late Speaker Sam Rayburn, who was once asked to campaign against his friend Joe Martin. Rayburn, although on the other side of the political fence, reportedly refused, snorting: "If I lived in his district I'd vote for him."

Joe Martin was fiercely loyal, and he was trusted and liked by Republicans and Democrats alike. He was a real pro who instinctively knew what had to be done and then went ahead and did it. We here today stand most humbly in his shadow, being careful to give sincere thanks for the privilege of knowing Joseph William Martin, Jr., late a Representative from Massachusetts.

Representative Donohue of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, with all my fellow Members here, I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my dear friend, our former colleague, and Speaker of this House, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts. This Nation and the world is grateful that, for a period of 42 years, divine providence afforded us the unique genius of his patriotic dedication, guidance, and perseverance in the fight for freedom's preservation and expansion through many of the most difficult periods of decision that civilized existence has thus far experienced.

In the darkest and gravest hours of legislative challenge in this Chamber, all of us have witnessed the indomitable spirit of this mighty man enlighten and encourage this body toward the patriotic discharge of our full and common responsibility.

Considering the universally acclaimed record of this great and good man throughout 42 years of devoted service in the Congress, I believe it is safe to prophesy that his legislative learning, knowledge, wisdom, and guidance will forever remain unsurpassed in the annals of congressional accomplishment.

Within himself, and by his own industry and competence, Speaker Joe Martin became a national institution in our American political life. He presided over this House with absolute fairness and integrity,

and his encouragement, through wise counsel and sympathetic cooperation, to all Members irrespective of party, will remain a byword in this Chamber forever.

Joe Martin is unquestionably one of the most distinguished Americans of all time. However, above and beyond all other things, he was beloved by all who ever knew him anywhere for his humble attitude, his neighborly disposition, his patient tolerance, his compassionate understanding, his quiet humor, his genuine friendship, and his kindly heart. The legend of his great and generous spirit can never be removed from the atmosphere of this Chamber.

His personal example provides for all of us here, and those who will come after, a permanent inspiration of patriotic service for which this Nation will never cease to be indebted to him.

He will be sorely missed by everyone privileged to know him.

In this time of great loss and sorrow we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved sisters, brother, nephew, and other family members, while we join in our prayers that the soul of our beloved, departed friend rest in heavenly peace.

Representative Randall of Missouri

Mr. Speaker, every one of us who knew Joe Martin feels saddened today by the passing of our good friend.

One of the rewards of serving as a Member of Congress over the past several years has been to know the former Speaker and to have a feeling that he was our friend. While it was not my privilege to serve with him in the days when he was Speaker, it was my privilege to be with him when he was ranking minority member of the Science and Astronautics Committee, or the House Space Committee.

It was as a fellow member of this committee that I learned to know him. I will cherish those days forever. He was a man of long and rich experience, but he was not selfish. He was one who was willing to share the benefits of that experience with others.

Our days together on committee were in the early days of the space program. Those times were filled with the excitement of the first Mercury shots and then the early Gemini shots. While he was not

always present because of his health, he was there on those important occasions when his presence was necessary to report bills which were so important to our early and always successful efforts in space.

He was a man who was willing to give a fellow member advice if you asked for it. Always I found his counsel was not only helpful but of inestimable value. To serve as a good member of a committee his advice in essence was, as has been expressed here by others, in the form of an admonition—"do your homework."

On the subject of debate on the floor between colleagues, his advice was "Always be sure of your facts but once you have possession of the facts, do not give up a fight." Joe Martin was a fighter. But he was a fighter who was extremely fair to an opponent. I am sure he never took advantage of an opponent, political or otherwise.

Joe Martin was a man who believed that if you could not say something that was constructive, or something to make a contribution to the debate of an issue, then it was best to remain silent. He was not a man who wanted to tear things down. Instead, he was a builder.

Our departed friend lived a life guided by his creed that in order to have friends, one must be a friend. He was a true friend. That is why today a host of friends mourn his passing. All of his colleagues will remember him as a kind and considerate man. On this sad occasion, our deepest sympathy goes to his loved ones.

Representative Johnson of California

Mr. Speaker, this morning, as I was thumbing through my files, I came across a copy of a letter that the late Senator Clair Engle sent to Joe Martin in 1962, when we were honoring his 50 years of public service.

Clair's letter is full of warmth and feeling, and speaks eloquently of his admiration for Joe Martin. I was particularly touched by Clair's account of his own personal experiences with this great statesman.

I include the letter in the Record along with other tributes today to Joe Martin:

U.S. SENATE,
September 18, 1962.

Hon. JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It is with great pleasure that I join in the tribute to you honoring your 50 years of continuous public service.

In this brief letter I cannot hope to make a fitting appraisal of the magnitude of your contributions to the Nation. But I hope in some measure to put down on paper what it has meant to me to serve with you in the House of Representatives.

As I look back over my years in the House, I associate some of my most rewarding experiences with you. Your skill as a legislative strategist was an inspiration and education for me and all newcomers to the House. Never had I known you to run short of patience with the youthful pupils in your legislative school. Always you had time to listen and counsel. Somehow you managed to combine this gracious and kindly spirit with a ruggedness of character that won for you the lasting admiration and respect of your adversaries as well as your allies.

As minority leader and Speaker of the House of Representatives, your fairness and forbearance toward members of the opposition are classic examples of statesmanship. Some time ago the poet Robert Frost said that he thought "people should be more patriotic than partisan." There is no better illustration of this philosophy than the memorable teamwork that you and Sam Rayburn maintained throughout the years as leaders in the House of Representatives.

It goes without saying that your qualities as a legislator have made better legislators of all of us who served with you. I only hope that your qualities as a human being have also made better men of us.

I wish you good health in the years ahead and continued fulfillment in the service of your country.

Sincerely yours,

CLAIR ENGLE, *U.S. Senator.*

Representative Fulton of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues and I will remember Joe Martin as a man who was friendly and helpful to all new Members. A man of keen intellect, he was an outstanding statesman and member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee and a man admired

by all who knew him. A kind and gentle man, he proved to be an outstanding leader. We in the House of Representatives were privileged to know him and work with him. We and the American people will have suffered a loss, and will remember him with affection.

Representative Cramer of Florida

Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness and with heavy heart in participating in this eulogy for our beloved former colleague, Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

I have known no one in public life whom I have admired more, who was more kind, congenial, considerate, and gentle. As a freshman Member in 1955, and as my minority leader, he took time from his busy life to counsel, to encourage, and to assist.

Joe Martin found time to come to my district on a number of occasions and in so doing not only demonstrated his devotion to public service but had demonstrated to him the affection of thousands of people throughout the country who held him in such high esteem.

Joe Martin was a Congressman's Congressman. He was a legislalative statesman whose ability and knowledge were grounded in years of public service and acceptance of party responsibility, starting with State legislative service, through chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, permanent chairman of the Republican National Conventions, minority leader, and reaching the legislative pinnacle of Speaker of the greatest and most influential legislative body in the world.

I am proud to pay tribute to a most outstanding American who left a great heritage and who made the United States a better Nation because of his service. Joe will be missed by all of us, by his legions of friends, but the knowledge that he has gone to his just reward in Heaven makes the sorrow of his passing more bearable.

Representative Boland of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the death of our friend and former colleague, Joseph W. Martin. We of the Massachusetts dele-

gation feel the loss even more deeply because we knew him so well, and had known him so long.

It is hard to say how I remember Joe Martin. I remember him here on the floor of this House, in the cloakroom, and at formal and informal gatherings wherever Congressmen met, as a stocky, broad-shouldered man with a shock of black hair that often fell into his face as he talked. He had an open, friendly face. His life was politics, and he was interested in every phase and every field of politics. To him it was a proud profession, and he spent his life in its service.

I think I always remember him most, however, as he welcomed me, a new and unknown Member of this House, from a part of the State far from his own Attleboro, to the 83d Congress. He was the Speaker of the House then, but he found the time to be friendly, kind, considerate, and helpful to me, a member of a different party. He treated everyone that way, I later found out, and perhaps that was the source of his greatest strength among us.

Whether a man agreed or disagreed with Joe Martin, he had to respect him and trust him, for he was a man of his word and of unswerving high principles. We all remember him as a hard and fair fighter, and a man who put his duty to his country well above any personal or partisan considerations.

He did this with the greatest respect for partisan politics, for he knew, as we all do, that this is the foundation of good government and of the American way of life. The two-party system was never stronger than under his guidance and leadership.

To all of us here in this House, he was a friend and an inspiration. To those of us who were his political neighbors in Massachusetts, he was a valued personal friend, and we were all proud to be his colleague. His place in our hearts will never be filled.

An editorial published March 7 in the Springfield, Mass., Daily News outlines the contributions this remarkable man made to his party and to his country. I include this editorial in the Record at this point:

JOE MARTIN

Joe Martin belongs to another political age.

It was an age of the individual party stalwart in which the personal imprint shaped and dominated political philosophies in both Republican and Democratic ranks. It was an age which saw one of its last great practitioners

in the person of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who for years was "Mr. Republican."

A review of the record of Joe Martin's 42 years in Congress will, of course, note that he was twice House Speaker, GOP floor leader for some 20 years, and five times chairman of Republican National Conventions. In 1948, his name was prominently mentioned as a dark horse candidate for the presidential nomination.

This, however, is only part of the record, Joe Martin's political talents were perhaps secondary to the dedication and integrity that he brought to his job—from his election to the Massachusetts House in 1912, to his more than four decades in Congress, to his departure from the Washington scene in 1966.

It can be said that the pressure of fastpaced politics and advancing years wrote the final chapter in this story. In 1959, Republicans installed a younger man as GOP House leader. After that, it was only a matter of time until Mr. Martin would lose his congressional seat. The defeat came, unceremoniously, at the hands of a young housewife in a primary.

Joe Martin accepted the inevitable graciously, reflecting the wisdom of his long political years. "You can't win them all," he said. "I can forget the losses when I think of the successes."

Now Joe Martin is dead, at the age of 83. He was "Mr. Republican." But, even more, his outstanding service to his party made him a politician-statesman for all the people.

Representative Murphy of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the great and distinguished former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who was a grand and wonderful man, dedicated and patriotic.

Joe Martin loved his country and its ideals. He served long in the Halls of this House of Congress and his love and devotion to this House grew with each day of service. He was forever ready throughout my years of service in the House of Representatives to be cooperative and encouraging. His rulings were fair and just and even when partisan spirit ran high he rendered justice according to law. His many fine qualities of kindness and helpfulness to young Members of Congress will never be forgotten. He will always have a high place in the history of his country. His character, his achievements, and his faithful service will be an inspiration to generations yet to come.

Mr. Martin's abilities could be extolled at length, but I feel I can pay no worthier tribute than to express my sincere conviction that

our country and our lives are infinitely richer because Joe Martin lived and served.

Here truly was a man who gave of himself to the service of his fellow man. He has left a legacy for all of us—his own high official and personal standards, so consistently maintained, to which we all must aspire now and in the future.

May the perpetual light shine upon him and his noble soul rest in peace.

Representative Ayres of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, a voice that has spoken so long and well for the citizens of these United States has been stilled. This Nation will long mourn the passing of Joseph William Martin, Jr.

We who served with Joe Martin, Jr., were fortunate indeed. By both his example and advice, he directed our footsteps along the path of sound legislative practice. When I entered this body as a freshman in 1951, I sought for guidance. I soon learned that I could always go to that leader for aid in the fulfillment of my duties. He gave as much of his time to a freshman Congressman as to one of many years of service.

No greater patriot has ever served the U.S. House of Representatives. His every waking hour was devoted to the welfare of his fellow citizens. His great legal ability was always at the service of us all. The legislation that he sponsored, directed, or aided in passing has made our Nation greater and finer. I know to Joe Martin that these legislative acts were the only monument that he would wish but we who loved and respected him so dearly hope that we can honor him in a more demonstrative manner.

The former Speaker and minority leader of the House was a kindly and good man who not only believed in the brotherhood of man but lived a life of brotherhood.

The integrity and ability that Joe Martin brought to his daily tasks will be sorely missed by us all. His deep devotion to the U.S. House of Representatives was known to us all and he instilled that same desire of service to that body in many of us who mourn him today.

Mr. Speaker, we are a greater nation because of the services of former Speaker Joseph William Martin, Jr. Our loss is indeed great but we are grateful for the many years that he gave us.

Representative Sikes of Florida

Mr. Speaker, the people of Massachusetts and Americans everywhere have sustained a great loss in the passing of our distinguished former Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr. With his death, the Nation has lost an elder statesman whose outstanding record of public service covered more than half a century.

From March 4, 1925, when he took his seat in the House of Representatives, until the day he retired from the House, the career of Joseph W. Martin was exemplified by his devotion to duty and the best interests of his State and Nation. He was a kind, gentle, and able man. All those who had the privilege to share his friendship came to admire and respect his sterling virtues.

Joe Martin was a loyal party man but he believed in the two-party system and contributed to its strength. For this, he earned the respect of all Members on both sides of the aisle.

Our late Speaker lived and labored through a great era in the history of our Nation and our country is a better place in which to live and work by reason of the dedicated service of Joe Martin. He has passed from the earthly scene of his many accomplishments, but he will long be remembered as one of the great Americans of his age. His personal example provides for all of us here, and those who will come after, a permanent inspiration for the type of patriotic service for which this Nation will never cease to be indebted to him.

In this time of great loss and sorrow, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved sisters, brother, nephew, and other family members.

Representative Frelinghuysen of New Jersey

Mr. Speaker, Joe Martin's life was devoted to the service of his country under the auspices of the Republican Party since the time

he marched as a boy in a torchlight parade in honor of William McKinley. He served 42 years in the House of Representatives, beginning with the 69th Congress. He was Speaker of the House for two terms—the 80th and the 83d Congresses. He was the minority leader in the House in the 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 81st, 82d, 84th, and 85th Congresses. He was elected the permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention five times—1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956—and he served as chairman of the Republican National Committee, 1940 to 1942. He was not an orator with a persuasive tongue, but he had an uncanny political sense which commanded the attention and respect of everyone. He was loved by many, and as his great rival and close friend, Speaker Sam Rayburn, once remarked when he was asked to campaign against him:

Hell, if I lived in his district, I would vote for him.

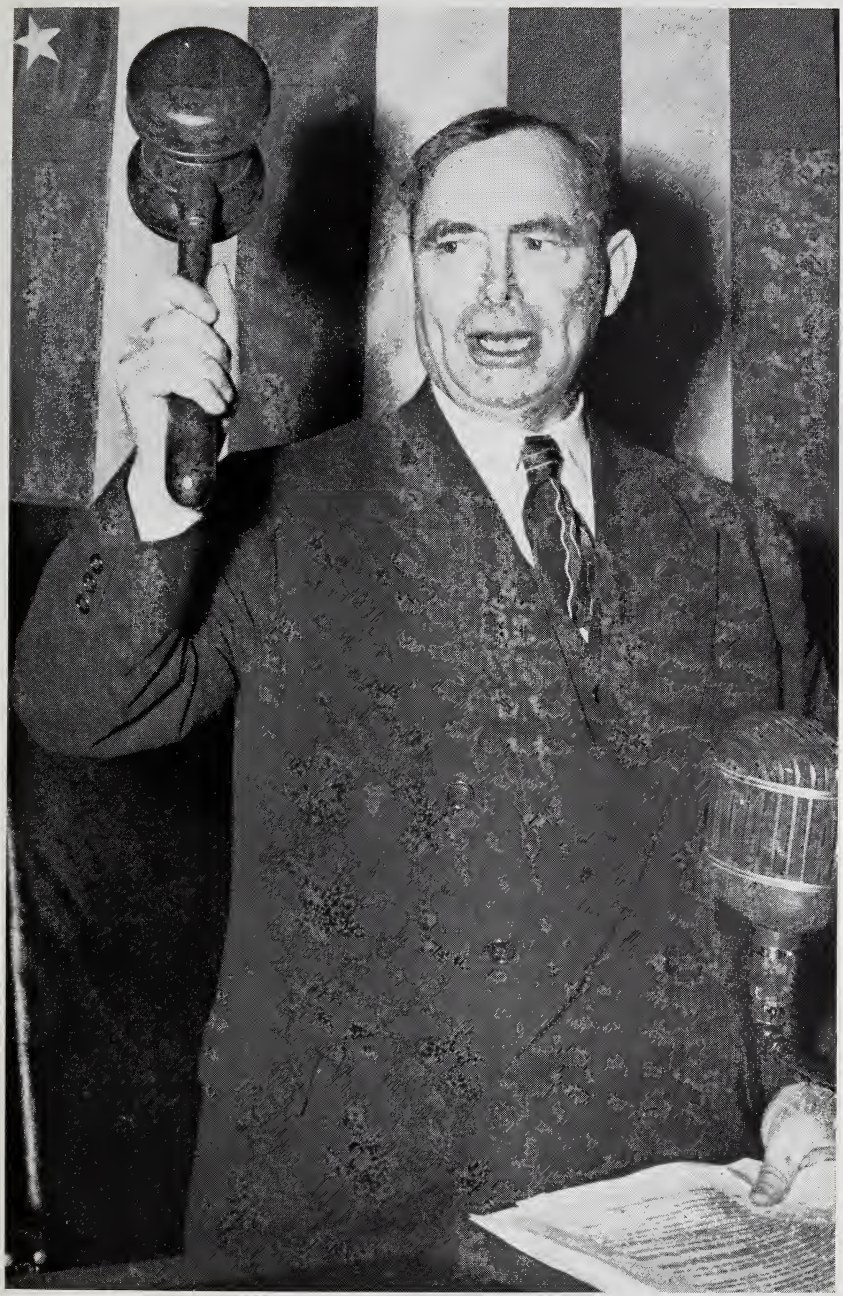
Joe Martin was one of the first to learn about the plans for the Capitol Hill Club. He not only subscribed to it immediately, but as the leader of the Republican Party, he secured the aid of many influential Republicans. He headed the committee that raised a substantial sum for the Douglas MacArthur Memorial Wing.

His devotion to the Republican Party and his deep loyalty to his beloved country will always be an inspiration to those who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship. Our Nation today misses his clear and honest analytical thinking as well as his political acumen, but nonetheless we are a better and a stronger people because of his unselfish and devoted service.

Representative Wyman of New Hampshire

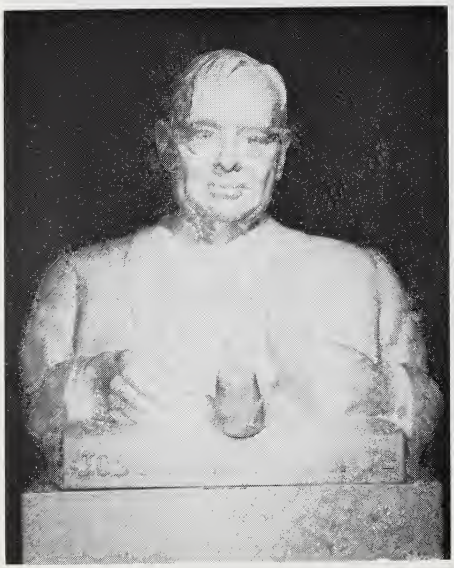
Mr. Speaker, we are all deeply sorry that our friend Joe Martin has left us. But we know that he has indeed gone to the happy hunting ground for he was a chieftain, par excellence, a leader who was at the same time a friend to Republican and Democrat alike. Joe enjoyed the deepest respect and affection of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

In 1952 I had the privilege to be with him at the Republican National Convention. He was chairman. I was a lowly assistant sergeant



AS FORTY-FOURTH SPEAKER of the House of Representatives, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., raises the gavel to open the 80th Congress, January 4, 1947. He repeated this scene in the 83d Congress, and, as his party's helmsman on Capitol Hill, he also wielded the gavel at five Republican National Conventions.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN and Speaker Martin, then next in line of succession to the Presidency, respond to an ovation, along with Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder (left) and Bond Division Director Vernon L. Clark (second left), at a U.S. Savings Bond rally in Washington, D.C., March 18, 1948.



FORMER SPEAKERS of the House are remembered by busts in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building. This likeness of Mr. Martin, sculptured by Mme. Suzanne Silvercruys (Mrs. Edward Stevenson) of North Windham, Conn., was presented by the National Federation of Republican Women on April 15, 1962, as Representative Martin marked the completion of 50 years' service in public office.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER commends Speaker Martin in words that also please Senate Leaders H. Styles Bridges (left) of New Hampshire and Robert A. Taft (third left) of Ohio during one of the 83d Congress conferences of this eminent group at the White House in the first half of 1953.

AT HIS DESK or in the House Chamber, Joe Martin got over his point effectively. Here, with typical gestures, he holds a press conference in his Capitol office as Minority Leader in 1950.

THEY EXCHANGED the Speaker's chair four times, and it was the then Speaker Martin who congratulated Sam Rayburn on his 66th birthday, January 6, 1948. Despite strong political differences, their great friendship and mutual respect became legend on Capitol Hill.

FUTURE SPEAKERS of the House and fellow Congressmen from Massachusetts, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., and John W. McCormack already were long-time friends and colleagues when they were photographed while conversing outside the Capitol in November of 1941.

at arms. But you would never know this from Joe. To one and all he had the common touch, friendly, humble, sincere, dedicated, a man of the people and yet a man who could be depended upon to lead with inspiration and devotion to principle. He was a practical man, who knew what had to be accomplished and worked indefatigably at it until it was done.

In a sense our late Speaker was Mr. Republican. He carried this reputation proudly for most of his life. He was solid—a real guy—constructive, serious, hard working, whose contributions over a lifetime represent a record of devoted public service that few Americans have equaled in the entire history of this proud Nation.

Joe Martin was a great American who conscientiously served his country and his people in accordance with his high personal standards and with outstanding capability. As one who respected and admired him I can think of no higher compliment than to have it said of me by one who knew, that "he was Joe Martin's friend."

Mr. Speaker, we shall miss him. America will miss him. Let us reflect in the words of that great poet:

He is not dead. He is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand he has gone to visit some unknown land.

We salute Joe Martin, one and all.

Representative McClory of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve during the 88th and 89th Congresses with the late Speaker of the House of Representatives, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.

Prior to my coming to the Congress in 1962, I became aware of the statesmanlike qualities and public and party leadership exemplified so capably by Joe Martin. Long years of service, diligent application to his duties, and impeccable qualities of morality and loyalty were combined with his political and legislative talents to carry him to the great heights which he attained.

It is always sad to note the passing of a friend and colleague, and in this hour, it is particularly sad because of Joe Martin's great stature as a political and public figure. At the same time it seems

appropriate to express gratitude that Joe Martin could endow this great legislative body with the indelible impression of his character. The firm and resonant tones of his great voice and the high principles which he embodied in all that he did and said have left an immortal imprint on the Congress of the United States. Joe Martin helped to elevate the reputation of the U.S. Congress by bringing honor and respect to this body in all that he accomplished and all that he represented during his 40 years of public service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

I am proud to join today at this time of great public sorrowing and to express with all humility and sincerity my affection and respect for the late Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.

Representative Rumsfeld of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives and the Nation are deeply indebted to our late colleague and Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., for his service and dedication to his country, his State, his congressional district, and the Republican Party. The man—his spirit and his accomplishments—cannot be separated from the history of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the effects of his dedication and service will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Joe Martin was no ordinary man. He was the son of a Massachusetts blacksmith. He held a high school diploma. He was awarded 10 honorary degrees from some of our Nation's finest universities. He served his country and his State for 42 years as a Member of the House of Representatives. He sat as the Speaker of the House and was for many years the enthusiastic, loyal, and respected leader of the minority party. His determination, vigor, and intellectual ability made him the leader of the legislative body he loved so deeply and to which he dedicated his life.

Joe Martin moved with the times. His last committee assignment in this House was on the Committee on Science and Astronautics, as this Nation embarked on a national program to develop the peaceful uses of space—an extraordinary youth of spirit for a man born less than 20 years after the Civil War—and yet not extraordinary when

one considers the man. Certainly one of the most satisfying aspects of my service in Congress was the privilege to work with Joe Martin as a member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

We shall miss Joe Martin. The Nation will miss Joe Martin. We are richer for his having been among us. He exemplified the philosophy expressed by another son of Massachusetts, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, when he said:

> I think it is required of a man that he should share the action and passion of his time at peril of being judged not to have lived.

There is no doubt that Joe Martin lived. For that, we have all had our lives enriched, and for that we are eternally grateful.

Representative Reid of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, I join with everyone in the Congress and a multitude of admirers throughout the Nation in paying tribute to our departed friend and former colleague—one of the great Americans of his time—Joe Martin.

It was my privilege to serve in the House with the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts for 4 years. Many of you knew him longer, of course; but when he welcomed me on my first day as a Member of Congress, I felt that we were friends of long standing. Indeed, Joe Martin was almost legendary in national politics, for his name and fame were well known in every State. As a leader in his party and the Congress, he brought to government that rare and marvelous talent for combining warmth, simplicity, and understanding with wisdom and dignity which transcended partisanship; and he leaves a legacy which is a source of inspiration and encouragement for all of us.

I feel honored to have known and served with him even briefly. He leaves a richer nation behind, and he has earned his rightful place in history. I join in extending heartfelt sympathy to all members of his family.

Representative Evins of Tennessee

Mr. Speaker, permit me to join with my colleagues from Massachusetts and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our late colleague and friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts, Speaker Joseph W. Martin.

During my first term in this body Joe Martin was our Speaker. This was during the 80th Congress. Speaker Martin received me in a kind, gracious manner, and I have always been grateful to him for his kindness and consideration showed me as a freshman Member of Congress. Our friendship over the years cut across party lines.

Congressman Joe Martin served in the Congress 42 years and this is a notable achievement of public service. Joe Martin knew and understood the Congress—he knew how make bipartisanship work. He served his district, the State of Massachusetts, and the Nation as well. He was a genial gentleman. Speaker Martin contributed much to the growth and development of our Nation—and his achievements and accomplishments are a monument to this service.

I should like to extend to the members of his family a most sincere expression of sympathy in their loss and bereavement.

Representative Haley of Florida

Mr. Speaker, as truly as it can ever be said of any man, it can be said that our country is a better country because Joe Martin lived in it and gave of himself to its service, that the Congress is a better institution because of Joe Martin's long and devoted participation in it, and that the House of Representatives has been enriched by Joe Martin's presence, as a Member, as a longtime floor leader for his party, and as its Speaker.

The late Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr.—as his name appears on the official records despite his insistence that his friends, who included almost everyone with whom he ever had personal contact, call him "Joe"—has departed this life, but the mark he has left on his country, our Government, and on his legion of friends, will endure.

The career of Joe Martin was a monument to this country's way of life. A blacksmith's son who had little opportunity for formal schooling, this son of Massachusetts made his way up the ladder of our society, our system of government, until he was a nationally recognized power, a man who stood but a heartbeat away from the Presidency itself, a man who held not only the speakership in this House, but who was his party's national chairman and, in many ways, its best known figure.

But power never changed Joe Martin—the man, the human being. He maintained his official position with the dignity and integrity they required, but never for a moment did prestige and power stand between Joe Martin, the man, and his friends, the people.

No man in our Nation's history could have been more fiercely loyal to his party than was Joe Martin, the politician. But there always remained Joe Martin, the man, who never let political beliefs interfere with his friendships. He was a political foe of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, but his steadfast personal friend—the same relationship existed between Joe Martin and his Democratic counterpart in this body, the late Speaker Sam Rayburn. I am happy that I knew Joe Martin—and was privileged to have been his friend.

Representative Jonas of North Carolina

Mr. Speaker, I will always consider myself especially privileged to have begun my service in the House under the leadership of one of the greatest Speakers in history, Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Speaker Martin was the classic example of the self-made man, and his singular service to his party, the Congress, and the Nation marked him as one of the great men of his time.

His friendship for and assistance to his colleagues in the House were natural and genuine, and gained for him in return the lasting respect and admiration of those with whom he served for so many years.

Speaker Martin was a professional in every sense of the word: As a politician, as a legislator, and as a leader of the House. He was a man of conviction, a man of honor, and a man of the highest moral character.

I join his countless friends and associates in mourning his passing, and will always consider myself fortunate to have known him and to have served in the House with him.

Representative Halpern of New York

Mr. Speaker, I was personally shaken to learn of the death of Joseph W. Martin, for I had lost an old, lifelong friend.

When I was only 14, I wrote a letter to Joe Martin, who—while he had not yet become Speaker of the House—already had achieved fame as a congressional leader. Being an aspiring Republican, I asked him to what he attributed his success. I was thrilled when he responded with a personal letter citing, among other things, perseverance, to which he encouraged me.

I have cherished that letter to this day, but little did I dream then that I one day would be privileged to serve in the Congress beside this legendary and fabulous personality. It was one of the great experiences of my life to meet him in the House of Representatives and remind him of his words of inspiration many years before to a hopeful youth.

This developed into a close and warm friendship with one of the greatest legislative leaders in our history. His record speaks for itself and for the man; his wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the legislative process and the two-party system have been matched by only a very few in the history of this House, and indeed, of the Congress.

But above and beyond all else stands Joe Martin's compassionate understanding and his open friendship for us all. The newest Member of this House always received a warm welcome and the unreserved assistance of this man. His cooperation and sympathetic guidance will remain an example in this Chamber for countless years to come.

By his own industry and dedication, Joe Martin became a national institution of political life. The spirit of his works will live with us as long as this mighty Nation stands.

Representative McCormack of Massachusetts

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, the passing of our dear friend, Joe Martin, touches each and every one of us deeply. Joe Martin was not only a great man but a good man. On one occasion he said to me, and I agreed with him, that he would like to be both great and good but, if he could not be both and he had the power to elect which he would be, he would rather be good than great. But Joe Martin was both.

Joe Martin's cause was America. He symbolized by his words and actions every ideal that our country stands for. During his lifetime he made his contributions to strengthening this great country of ours and passing it on to later generations of Americans with more vitality, preserved and strengthened.

There are so many things that one can say about Joe Martin: his various activities, his nobility of character, his wonderful outlook on life, his dedication to our country, and his love of the National House of Representatives. However, the one thing that impressed me on knowing Joe Martin as I have for so many years was that over and above everything else he was for America and the cause of America and what America stood for. If ever a man evidenced that in the history of our country, Joe Martin did during World War II, during that trying period not only of our Nation's history but the world's history. He and Sam Rayburn, of opposite parties but both Americans, cooperated together with understanding minds that never caused any friction where the national interest of our country was concerned. I remember on one occasion, a very dramatic occasion—and some day it might be placed in history, although I can comment about it now—when Sam Rayburn asked Joe Martin and me to meet him in his office the following morning. When we arrived there, there were Secretary Henry Stimson, Gen. George Marshall, and Vannevar Bush. I had heard some rumors about research that was being done somewhere in connection with some weapon of war which later turned out to be the nuclear bomb, but I had no definite information about it until that morning. George Marshall and Henry Stimson told us that we knew that the Hitler government had started experimenting on this bomb before we did; that there was no knowledge as

to the ultimate outcome; how far they had progressed with the project; that we had no knowledge as to how many experimental laboratories the Nazi government had; that it was imperative in the national interest of our country that we develop the bomb first. This was because of the fact that if Hitler did develop it first, overnight, we could lose the war.

Mr. Speaker, all of this relates to what I learned for the first time as the Manhattan Project.

Mr. Speaker, Henry Stimson and George Marshall told us it was necessary during the next 2 fiscal years to obtain the sum of about $2 billion with which to carry forward the Manhattan Project, and that they had to get money appropriated in a manner whereby the Nazi government would not know that we were making this experiment or performing this research work, or the fact that the Manhattan Project was even in existence.

Mr. Speaker, there was never any hesitance on the part of Joe Martin when the national interest of our country was involved. Henry Stimson and George Marshall said that if the Hitler government perfected this awesome weapon of war before we did, overnight, we could lose the war. We now know after the fact that the statement was not exaggerated. And, from a personal point of view, one of us made the observation that it might represent the sum of $2 billion being thrown down the cesspool—in other words, we might not be successful. While I made no comment at that time, in my own mind I entertained the thought. "Well, McCormack, what are you going to do?" I knew what I was going to do. There was nothing else to do. The national interest of our country was at stake. I said, "Well, McCormack, if this is and does ultimately prove to be $2 billion thrown down the cesspool, you are going to be involved in the greatest financial scandal which this country has ever known, because you are going to be tried after the fact and not before the fact."

Mr. Speaker, the six of us in that room—the Speaker's rooms—like the Rock of Gibraltar, Joe Martin, never had any hesitancy, never had any doubt about the course which we should ask the Congress to undertake. The three of us worked in unity with the others. Later, in strict confidence, we had to give to various Members,

particularly members of the Committee on Appropriations, certain information with respect to this project. However, that was one secret that was kept.

Mr. Speaker, I refer to that momentous time in the preservation of our country and its institutions in order to illustrate the character and the dedication of Joe Martin. The test was there. There was never any hesitancy about his response and about his decision.

Oh, Mr. Speaker, we could talk about Joe Martin during the depression, we could talk about Joe Martin during World War II, we could talk about Joe Martin after World War II. But, Mr. Speaker, what a bulwark of strength he was in those momentous and important days which involved matters of great imponderables with which the United States of America was faced.

Mr. Speaker, I say this in full view of the fact that the middle aisle made no difference to the late Joe Martin, because in his mind—and I am proud to say in my own mind and also in the mind of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Gerald R. Ford] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck], Carl Albert, Hale Boggs, Les Arends and others—the national interest of the United States was foremost.

I came here as a young man. Joe Martin preceded me. He was kind to me, he was considerate, and he gave me valuable advice and assistance. A close relationship and friendship developed between us, one that I shall always treasure. The imprint of Joe Martin on the legislative history of America will always occupy the foremost pages in the history of our country.

With the passage of time he became the leader of his party and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Every day at 12 o'clock when Joe Martin took the Speaker's chair he took it as the Speaker of the National House of Representatives not as the leader of his party—he was the leader of his party—but when he assumed the chair he assumed it as the Speaker, always living up to the highest traditions of this great body. And in the performance of my duty as Speaker both Joe Martin and Sam Rayburn have played a most important part in my life as to the meaning and the significance of the office of Speaker and the great traditions, prerogatives, and responsibilities that are connected with that constitutional office.

Joe Martin could be discussed from the angle of his understand-

ing mind, his relationship to his fellow men, his love of his fellow men, and I believe the most effective way to refer to Joe Martin in that respect is that he was truly one of God's noblemen.

I know a little something about the responsibilties of leadership having been in the second position of leadership in my own party for 20 years before being elected Speaker of this great body. Joe Martin faced his duties and responsibilities with judgment, with vision, and with the courage always in that gentlemanly but firm way upholding the traditions and the prerogatives of the House of Representatives.

I hope that if my colleagues say that about me now while I am Speaker or at any other future time I know that I will feel highly honored that they said of John McCormack that he, as Speaker, maintained and upheld the traditions, the prerogatives, and the dignity of the National House of Representatives.

I am very much touched on this occasion. We are talking not only about a friend but a man who occupied the chair, the office of Speaker of this great body, an unusual honor, and we are talking about a man who upheld that position and performed his duties as a Member of this House in an outstanding manner that justifies him being recorded in the history of tomorrow as one of the greatest and the most effective Speakers of this great body.

So all I can say is, "Joe, good day; we are all looking forward to a time in the future of meeting you and renewing our close friendships."

I extend to the late Speaker Martin's loved ones the deep sympathy of Mrs. McCormack and myself.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Mr. BATES. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolutions as follows:

H. Res. 1087

Resolved, That the House has learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former Member of the House for twenty-one consecutive terms, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth and Eighty-third Congresses.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Adjournment

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 11, 1968, at 12 o'clock noon.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

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Representative Adair of Indiana

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleagues to say a word in tribute to a great American. We are all saddened by the death of former Speaker of the House, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts. However, he left an indelible record on the pages of congressional history. As a faithful, conscientious public servant, he represented his constituency with the highest ideals and principles. His legislative work in the tradition of the Republican Party carried him to the highest pinnacle when he was selected to serve as Speaker. Too, he was a familiar figure at Republican National Conventions when the party called upon him to chair the convention deliberations.

His mark of dignity, integrity, and dedication to the American way of life remains inscribed in the pages of history and his passing leaves a void which will be hard to fill. I am proud to have known him and to have had him as a friend.

Representative Betts of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, when I first came to Congress, unacquainted with the Washington scene, I supposed that great men like Joe Martin were completely unavailable. I presumed that years of publicity would cause them to insulate themselves from the rest of us. To my surprise, Joe Martin was completely contrary to my expectations. He made himself available to any freshman Congressman for advice, any time of the day. He met with us and explained to us the complicated and mysterious problems of Congress and congressional life.

He was a warm, friendly, charming person and much of his life, both political and personal, was devoted to helping others. His years of dedicated public service speak out far more eloquently than I can on the great contributions he made to his country and his party.

Joe Martin was a great man and a great patriot. I am proud that he was one of my friends.

Representative Bow of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, Members have eulogized Joseph W. Martin, Jr., in glowing terms and it is, indeed, very difficult to do justice to his qualities, his leadership, his strength, and his devotion to the highest ideals of American statesmanship. I will not attempt to do so.

I wish instead to say that I am deeply grateful to have come here at a time when Joe Martin was at the height of his strength and power and to have had his guidance, his advice, the benefit of his wisdom and experience, and, finally and most important, his friendship.

Joseph W. Martin, Jr., has taken his place in the ranks of the great Americans whom history will honor through all time. I remember him with pride and humility as a great and good friend.

Senator Brooke of Massachusetts

Mr. President, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and indeed the entire Nation, is saddened by the death of one of our most distinguished citizens, Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Joe Martin, affectionately known as "Mr. Speaker," was a man in the best tradition of New England: born the son of a blacksmith, he was a product of public schools, and acquired his further education while serving as a newspaper reporter. While still a young man in his twenties he stood for election to the State legislature where he served with distinction for 13 years before coming to Washington in 1924.

Few men in American history have had so distinguished a career in national politics. For 42 years Joe Martin represented the 10th District of Massachusetts in the House of Representatives. He served as Republican leader of the House for 20 years, and as Speaker for 4 years. He was chairman of five Republican National Conventions—certainly an all-time record—and served as Republican national chairman.

The people of Massachusetts, regardless of party, are joined in deep sorrow at his passing, as for half a century they have been joined in deep gratitude for his faithful public service.

Representative Burleson of Texas

Mr. Speaker, I came to Congress in the 80th session. Joe Martin was Speaker then. I never knew a more kindly and considerate man and shall always appreciate and hold an especially warm place in my heart and memory for him.

He was understanding of the freshman in this body and as I look back, I find that he was like all great men in such responsible positions—they would not have been there if they had been lacking in these qualities.

Speaker Martin was a man anyone would want to call his friend and he reciprocated with a warmth never to be forgotten.

Senator Case of New Jersey

Mr. President, Joe Martin belonged to the group of political leaders without whom the difficult task of steering the Nation through deeply troubled times could hardly have been accomplished.

He was a good and kindly man, helpful to his juniors, fair to the opposition, and, above all, loyal to the country he loved so well.

He had the respect of all his colleagues, both as Speaker and as minority leader.

Representative Cleveland of New Hampshire

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 6, this Nation was saddened by the news of the death of Joseph W. Martin, Jr. With his passing, the House of Representatives lost one of its most beloved sons and the United States one of its most loyal citizens.

Joe Martin devoted most of his long career in the service of his country. After a short tour of duty in the Massachusetts House and Senate, and then after a brief retirement from public life, he returned to go on to Washington as his district's Representative in Congress. There he was to remain for 42 long and productive years. In a true sense, the House became his home.

Joe was a strong proponent of America's two-party system. During the lean years of the Roosevelt administration, he became the guiding light of the Republican Party. It was in great part through his efforts that the party recovered from a disastrous election in 1936 when only 88 Republicans were elected to the House. In 1939, the Republican ranks swelled to 169, and in 1947, the Republican Party took over the majority in the House.

For this contribution, Joe Martin became the Republican leader, a position which he held for 20 years. During two Congresses, the 80th and the 83d, he was Speaker of the House. All over the country, Joe Martin was known by that well-deserved title of "Mr. Republican."

I have fond memories of Joe Martin. Back in 1963, when Joe was in the waning years of his career, and I was a freshman Congressman in search of guidance, he helped me get over some of the first bumps which every new Congressman must face. He used to meet with a group of us every week, and over lunch we would discuss the issues at hand. I often found his advice and help in those years to be invaluable.

A great man was lost last March 6. It has been men like Joe Martin which have made the House of Representatives a great legislative body. To the members of his family, I send my deepest sympathy and for his memory may we all be grateful.

Representative Corman of California

Mr. Speaker, although he had not sat beside us in this Chamber for a nearly a year, we all felt as though the death of Joseph Martin had taken him suddenly from our midst. Most of us had not seen him since his retirement at the close of the 89th Congress, but we had never ceased to feel his presence among us.

It takes more than longevity of service here to make a man such a part of the House of Representatives. It takes a very special man and qualities far above the ordinary. It takes personal magnetism and skilled leadership. It requires firm principles and deep human understanding.

Such a man was Joe Martin. He was the kind of man whose service here is a credit to his own State, and to us all. For he represents the highest qualities we can wish for in our leaders and statesmen.

One of the greatest testimonials to this great man was, I think, given on the final day of his service here with us. The words were glowing, the emotions heartfelt and the admiration genuine. But the real testimonial was in the very fact that nearly every Member of this House joined in—from both sides of the aisle, from all parts of both parties, new Congressmen who had known him only one term, the men and women who had been his colleagues for most of the many years of his public service. The speeches and personal greetings that day were not perfunctory or ceremonial ones. They came from the hearts of his friends—as many of them as there are Members of this House.

It is no wonder then that the presence of this great legislator was felt among us even after he had left us. It will, I know, be with us for many years to come.

Senator Curtis of Nebraska

Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to one of America's great men, whose earthly service was brought to an end within the last few days. The Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., had attained the age of 83. His contributions in life cannot be measured by the 4 score and 3 years that he lived. His contributions will forever stand out in the annals of history.

Joe, as he was affectionately known, was born in North Attleboro, Mass., on November 3, 1884. He was the son of a blacksmith. His formal schooling did not include a college education, yet by thrift and self-denial he provided a college education for other members of his family.

Joe deserves a place in history not just because of the offices he held. He served in the Congress of the United States for 42 years. For 4 years he was Speaker of the House of Representatives, which from the standpoint of power is next to the highest office in the land. He served as chairman of the Republican National Convention at many successive conventions. He served as national chair-

man for the Republican Party. He also served in the State legislature, as a presidential elector, and in many other capacities.

As a minority leader, Joe Martin for many years directly influenced the course of our history. It was 30 years ago this fall that I was elected to the House of Representatives. Joe Martin was then chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee. As such, he was very helpful to me. I cast my first vote in Congress for Joe Martin for Speaker of the House of Representatives. We were in the minority, and while he did not become Speaker, the action of the Republican Party on that day made Joe Martin our leader. For many years he was an effective force for constitutional government, responsibility in spending and taxes, defense of the country, and the preservation of our two-party system.

Joe loved his country. His country always came first. Joe likewise loved the Republican Party, yet no Republican was more respected by the Democratic Members of Congress and their leaders than was Joe Martin. He fought hard and, although outnumbered, he won many a battle. As chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee in 1938, he directed the greatest upsurge that the Republican Party has ever experienced in all its history. More new Republican seats were gained in that election than in any election before or since.

Joe Martin was not only friendly and fair, but he held a broad view, and he was understanding. He did not cast his lot on the basis of where the power was. He was not a tool in the hands of the large delegations. He was fair to all delegations, large and small. Among other things, he held the view that if the Republican Party was to build and to serve, the Representatives from States having small delegations had to share in the assignments to committees of major importance.

I believe I can say without contradiction that because of the direct intervention of Joe Martin, assignments such as the placing on the powerful Committee on Appropriations of Representatives Francis Case, of South Dakota, and Karl Stefan, of Nebraska, were made. I know that I had an opportunity to serve on the much-sought-after Committee on Ways and Means, not because of the voting power of the State of Nebraska in the committee on committees, but rather

because Joe Martin thought it was the fair thing to do and said so.

Joe Martin was my friend. He was true and loyal. He helped me in many ways. I shall always be grateful and I shall always cherish his memory.

Joe Martin's integrity and his credibility were of the highest order. A promise once made was never forgotten or repudiated.

What I am about to say about Joe Martin may be unknown by others. Joe Martin totally abstained from alcoholic liquors. He abstained because as a little boy he promised his mother that he would not use alcoholic liquors. The years rolled by, and Joe had reached an age where many people have physical checkups at frequent intervals. During the course of such a physical examination Joe was advised that a little liquor, perhaps one drink at the close of the day, would be good for him physically. It bothered him. He did not want to do it. He did not want to violate a solemn commitment that he had made to his mother.

He boarded the train, left Washington, and sought the advice of a specialist in the field of medicine who had demonstrated unusual knowledge and skill in many things, including care of the heart. Joe told him about his promise to his mother and the advice that had been given to him. That distinguished physician proved his greatness and proved his belief that there are more important things in life than to eat and drink by telling Joe Martin to reject the advice of the prior physician and adhere to his commitment that he had made as a little boy to his mother.

So far as I know, Joe Martin never related his experience to anyone other than to my wife and to me, although he may have told others in confidence. We were both friends of his. We both grieve his passing and pay tribute to his memory. I can think of nothing that I could relate that would better show the character of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., the patriot from Massachusetts, than the account that I have just related concerning his steadfast keeping of a promise that he had made.

Representative Delaney of New York

Mr. Speaker, an American institution sadly passed from the scene when our former colleague, Joe Martin, died.

For his 42 distinguished years in Congress he was a living example of the American legend which has so inspired and excited the imagination of the world—he was a poor boy who made good. A blacksmith's son, who had little time for formal schooling, he rose to become one of the Nation's great political leaders and achieved the singular honor of being elected by his colleagues as Speaker of the House, a position which placed him only a heartbeat away from the Presidency.

Joe knew and understood Congress well, and through this knowledge and the force of his warm personality he made bipartisanship work effectively. A dedicated advocate of the Republican Party philosophy, he was a genial and gracious person who had a legion of friends on both sides of the aisle. While one might disagree with his position on some issues, he was always respected as a man of the highest principles who placed duty to his country ahead of any personal or party considerations.

It was my privilege to share his friendship, and I join with his many friends in mourning his passing. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Representative Derwinski of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, I deem it a great privilege to have served in the House with such an outstanding legislator as our late Speaker, Joseph W. Martin. He was a great Speaker, a great party leader, and a great Representative for the people of his district.

As we look back at the accomplishments of the two Congresses over which he presided in the House we see a sound record of legislative accomplishments. Speaker Joseph Martin goes down in history as a progressive, stanch legislator dedicated to the American way of life and, above all, dedicated to maintaining the integrity, effectiveness, and independence of the legislative branch of government. Like all who served with him I will always have fond recollections

of my association with Speaker Joseph Martin and will always respect his memory for the great contributions which he made during his period of prominence on the Washington scene.

Senator Dirksen of Illinois

Minority Leader of the United States Senate

Mr. President, the late Joe Martin was a truly good citizen, a superb public servant, and a great American in all the splendid meaning of those words.

I was privileged to know him for more than 30 years as a friend and colleague, and I know of no person anywhere, at any time, whom I held in higher esteem.

There is no need whatever to examine and interpret this good man's record of service to the Nation. That record speaks eloquently and movingly for itself, far beyond the power of the words of others so to do.

In his personal relationships and in his public endeavors, Joe Martin was unassuming, never ostentatious, unfailingly effective. I know of no man or woman to whom he was enemy; I know almost countless thousands to whom he was a good and admired friend. The reasons for this were myriad, but perhaps, most significantly, it was because he was a gentleman—one who thought more of other people's feelings than of his own rights, more of other people's rights than of his own feelings.

The roster of those who have been truly devoted servants to this Republic is long and admirable, but I doubt that it will reveal in times past or in those to come any who served his country more selflessly or more wholeheartedly through all the days of his life.

I shall remember Joe Martin as one who, whether in time of stress or in hours of leisure, set us a truly magnificent example of dignity, dedication, patriotism, and honor. I think it entirely possible that we may never see his like again.

Representative Dorn of South Carolina

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, of Massachusetts, was one of the alltime great leaders of this Congress. Not only was Mr. Martin a great congressional leader, he was a great American and one of the outstanding leaders of the Republican Party in the history of that great political party.

When I first came to the House of Representatives in the 80th Congress, Joseph W. Martin was Speaker. It was my privilege to serve in the 83d Congress when Joe Martin was again Speaker of the House.

Mr. Martin was a warm and close personal friend of the man who served longer as Speaker than any man in history—the beloved Sam Rayburn, of Texas.

As Speaker, and as a Member of this great body, Mr. Martin was always generous with his time. He was courteous, warm, and friendly in his relationship with the Members. Mr. Speaker, I recall that when I first came to Congress Mr. Martin was almost as new at presiding as I was with membership in this House. During the 1-minute period, I dashed into the well of the House shouting, "Mr. Speaker" which is the custom in many State legislative bodies. My senior colleagues in the well were astounded when the Speaker responded to my cry of "Mr. Speaker" and recognized me. Later in the day, an older Member explained the rules to me and advised that I should wait my turn in being recognized during the 1-minute period. Mr. Martin laughed and said he thought there was something urgent about my request.

I shared with Mr. Martin a great admiration for Gen. Douglas MacArthur. When General MacArthur was commander of our forces in the Far East during the Korean war, Mr. Martin believed that a great opportunity presented itself to win the war and crush Communist aggression in the Far East forever. I agreed with Mr. Martin and only wish that General MacArthur had been permitted to cut the Yalu bridges, crush the Communist aggressor, and unite North and South Korea.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Martin will go down in history as a man with great foresight, intense patriotism, love of country, and love of this

great institution—the Congress of the United States. I will always cherish my friendship and association with Joseph W. Martin.

Representative Dulski of New York

Mr. Speaker, our late colleague, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, was one of the most highly respected and likeable men on Capitol Hill.

Although I came to Congress when the onetime Speaker of the House was stepping aside as a leader of his party in the House, I became quickly aware of the high regard in which he was held by one and all—inside and outside the Congress.

He was an outspoken partisan for the cause of his party and the issues in which he believed. But at the same time he was respectful of our two-party system of government and of the views of those who believed differently than he did. He was above all a gentleman and a friend.

The Nation, and particularly the House of Representatives, is better for his having passed our way.

Senator Fong of Hawaii

Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of one of the distinguished former leaders of the Republican Party, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Martin had a distinguished record of 42 years of service in Congress and was Speaker of the House from 1946 to 1948 and from 1952 to 1954.

During his long tenure in Congress, Representative Martin acquired the reputation as being one of the most skillful political technicians of his time.

As Republican leader in the House for two decades, he guided the GOP Members with a strong and firm hand. Though modest and simple in character, his political abilities and leadership qualities were highly respected. He was very effective in urging his colleagues

to adhere to the basic principles of the Grand Old Party whenever a showdown was in sight.

Born the son of a blacksmith in Attleboro, Mass., on November 3, 1884, Joseph Martin was one of seven children. To supplement the family income, due to the death of his father, Joe went to work as a newsboy at the age of 7.

Joseph Martin first experienced public office in 1911 when he was elected a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He later was elected to the State senate in 1915.

His next step up the political ladder took place in 1924 when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1937 he was named chairman of the Republican congressional committee. In all of his work, Joseph Martin was a pragmatist and a realist. He never allowed himself to be carried away by wishful and impractical ideas or programs.

When Representative Martin died, he left behind many decades of party loyalty in the House of Representatives, including 20 years as party leader and two terms as Speaker; 10 years of party work in Massachusetts; and the chairmanship of five consecutive Republican National Conventions.

Thus, the passing of former Speaker Martin from the American political scene was a tragic loss that was felt by Republicans and Democrats alike. He was a man of great courage and good will—a man whose loyalty and kindness will be remembered with affection and respect.

My wife Ellyn joins me in saying "aloha" to Joseph Martin, Jr., and in extending our deepest sympathy to former Speaker Martin's family.

Representative William D. Ford of Michigan

Mr. Speaker, few persons in this century have left their mark so indelibly on the history of this Nation as did the late Joseph William Martin, Member of the House of Representatives from 1924 until just over a year before his recent death.

Mr. Martin began his remarkable career of public service in 1912 as a Member of the House of Representatives in his native State

of Massachusetts. Two years later, he was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate, where he served until 1917.

During these tumultuous years, which saw this Nation emerge as a world power, Mr. Martin played a key role in State and National Republican Party activities. He was chairman of the Massachusetts Republican Legislative Campaign Committee, a presidential elector in 1920 for the Harding-Coolidge ticket and executive secretary of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee.

He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916, and again in 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948, and 1952. He was permanent chairman of the Republican National Conventions in 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956, and was a member of the Republican National Committee from 1936 to 1940, then chairman for 2 years.

Mr. Martin was Republican minority leader in the 76th through 85th Congresses, except for the 80th and 83d, when he served as Speaker.

Together with his Democratic counterpart, the late Sam Rayburn, Mr. Martin was closely associated with every legislative action of this Congress for more than a quarter of a century.

His legislative skill, his knowledge of human nature, and his willingness to compromise, made him one of the most effective leaders in the history of this great legislative body.

When the history of this past half century is written, the name of Joseph William Martin will rank high among those men and women who helped lead the United States through some of its most challenging years. History will also record that this Nation and the world were better for his having lived.

Representative Gubser of California

Mr. Speaker, Joe Martin was Speaker of the House when I began my congressional career in January of 1953. I can never forget the kindness, the humility, and the greatness of a man who was an institution in the Congress and truly "Mr. Republican."

Joe Martin saw to it that each new Member of Congress was given the benefit of his long experience. Such thoughtfulness was typical of everything he did throughout his long career of public

service and it will be the quality which, among many others, will cause us to always revere the name and memory of Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Representative Hanley of New York

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives in paying tribute to one of our most beloved former colleagues, Speaker Joe Martin.

I did not have the privilege, as did so many of my colleagues, of serving with Mr. Martin for a long period of time. He was in the twilight of his distinguished career when the people of New York's 34th Congressional District sent me to Washington. But the legends which had preceded him became a reality the first time I met him. There was an air of unprepossessing wisdom about the man. He was gentle, of the type of gentleness which comes with age and experience.

Though I could not be so presumptuous as to call him a close friend, we did enjoy many occasions together, and I found myself the recipient of his knowledge and understanding.

I miss him, as I am sure everyone in this Chamber does, but we can be consoled in the knowledge that this wonderful man is now enjoying his heavenly reward.

Representative Hathaway of Maine

Mr. Speaker, many men come to Congress. A few men leave their mark. Joe Martin was one of those few who secured himself in the hearts of many. His dedication and service to the body politic around which our democratic system revolves contributed long-lasting momentum to the success of our legislative processes.

Joe Martin did not set himself apart from his colleagues when he took the Speaker's stand. It was his determination to be an essential part of the full body which lifted him to a pedestal.

Joe Martin's will was never imposed—it was invited. The qualities he possessed will always find welcome in the Congress. His insight into the nature of man, his willingness to offer understanding, and his

integrity which stood behind his convictions made Joe Martin a leader wherever he served.

The Honorable Joseph William Martin, Jr., shall ever be known as a great Republican and an honored American who set a praiseworthy example of leadership.

Representative Hébert of Louisiana

Mr. Speaker, when I came to Congress 28 years ago, the name of Joe Martin was already firmly imprinted on the pages of history.

No more could be asked of an individual than the 42 years of public service he gave the people he represented and the Nation as a whole.

I had the pleasure of serving under him during his two terms as Speaker of the House, and I have never found a more dedicated and understanding individual.

He was a giant among men, and Congress will not soon forget his many contributions. A man of the conviction and caliber of Joe Martin is a rarity in this body, and his experience, devotion to duty, and capabilities were unequaled.

I am proud to have been able to serve and work with him, but more important, I am proud to say that Joe Martin was my friend.

His death was a tragic loss for his family and friends, and, without a doubt, a loss for America.

Representative Hull of Missouri

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we should pause, consider, and pay homage to the deeds and the memory of our late colleague, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, who served in this body for more than four decades.

Only as this body and this Nation remember the deeds of the great men who have served here do we find for ourselves the inspiration to achieve great things for our country and the future.

Joe Martin loved, lived, and to some extent made the history of America. It was this love and this desire to make America great

that led to his many achievements in the Congress and to his splendid service as Speaker of the House.

He was beloved by all Members of the House of Representatives for his many contributions to good government and for his unfailing kindness and courtesy. His guidance, his vision, and his fierce dedication to the Congress and its traditions have become monuments to responsibility in public office.

Few men in the history of our Nation served so ably or so long. We shall miss Joe Martin on both sides of the aisle in the House of Representatives.

Senator Jackson of Washington

Mr. President, a friend and leader of all of us in the Congress has passed away. Speaker Joe Martin, of Massachusetts, left an indelible imprint on all who knew him and served with him in the Congress. He was always a gentleman. He was fair and wise.

I had the great pleasure of serving with him in the House of Representatives from 1941 until I moved to the Senate in 1953.

During 2 of those years, Joe Martin was the Speaker. That was from 1947 until 1949. He also served as Speaker during the 83d Congress, from 1953 to 1955.

My 12 years with Joe Martin were only a short period in the 42 years in which he served his Massachusetts district in the House of Representatives. He was a veteran legislator by the time I arrived in Washington in 1941. Yet I found him kindly and thoughtful to the newcomers, whether they were from the Republican or the Democratic side of the aisle.

Along with Speaker Sam Rayburn, his counterpart in the Democratic Party, Joe Martin represented the best in the traditions of the House. The great Sam Rayburn preceded his close friend Joe Martin in death by nearly 6 years. In matters of vital national concern, these two revered gentlemen proved to the Nation and to the world our ability to unite in an effective bipartisan manner. Their lives were dedicated to the best interests of this country. We will miss them.

Senator Javits of New York

Mr. President, when I became a Member of the House of Representatives after the election of 1946, Joe Martin became the Speaker of the House. Although he and I may have differed on various ideological points of view, he was a joy and a delight to a new Representative.

He was a great friend, an unfailing guide and teacher, one of the dearest men I ever knew, and one of the most patriotic and dedicated men to the highest interests of this country I have ever known.

Mr. President, in a very personal sense, and inasmuch as this is a memorial to a man I have always called Joe Martin for many years, when I came to the Senate, on the first day he came to see me sworn in, in January 1957. It so happened that I was sworn in alone because of a situation which delayed my swearing in for a week. Speaker Martin stood with me in the back of this Chamber, put his arm around my shoulders, looked around and said, "Jack, this a very hard place to get to. How very pleased I am that you are here."

We pay tribute to one of the most lovable persons I have ever known, one who was a great representative of the people and of the country; so I join my colleagues in paying tribute to Joe Martin.

In whatever Valhalla Joe Martin now resides he would get a special joy knowing that Ed Brooke has spoken the words of memorial for him in the Senate as a Senator from Massachusetts. Nothing would give him greater joy, and that would be typical of Joe Martin.

Representative Jones of Missouri

Mr. Speaker, in the passing of the late Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., America lost one of its most distinguished citizens and a great patriot.

As a member of the minority when he served as Speaker of the House of Representatives, I think I came to appreciate more fully the sterling qualities of this individual who enjoyed the esteem, respect, and friendship of all those with whom he had served. While the two districts which we represent in Congress had very little, if anything, in common, I was impressed as a new Member that here

was a man, a leader in this House, who while he might not have a comprehensive understanding of the problems of the area I was attempting to serve, was sympathetic to my problems and would take the time to listen and to advise me as to how these problems might be alleviated.

Over the years we became, what I like to believe, close friends, and I remember at least three or four occasions when Mrs. Jones and I would be "eating out," we ran onto Speaker Martin, dining alone, and we would enjoy informal visits with him. Perhaps it was these occasions which caused me to regard him as a lonely man.

He was indeed, a gracious gentleman, one who served his district, his State, and his Nation well, and whose memory will linger on in the minds of those who were privileged to know and work with him.

Representative Jones of North Carolina

Mr. Speaker, I was not privileged to know the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., but for a brief period of time. But it did not take long to understand why he was held in the high esteem and respect that was accorded him by his many friends.

He was a man of strong conviction and uncompromising principle. Although of a different political faith, it is easy to admire character and conviction wherever it exists. Certainly, this Nation as well as the Republican Party has lost a great American.

In this time of crisis in the history of this Nation, we can ill afford to lose men of the character and stability of the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts

Mr. President, with the death of Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has lost a great son, the Republican Party has lost a vital leader, and the entire Nation has lost a great public servant.

Joe Martin led a rich and full life. Born the son of a blacksmith in North Attleboro in 1884, he was the shortstop on a semipro baseball

team, and a newspaper reporter and publisher, and then commenced his political career in 1911 when he first won public office in the Massachusetts Legislature.

The year 1924 witnessed the beginning of Mr. Martin's 42 years in the U.S. House of Representatives—two decades of which he was its Republican leader. He was chairman of five Republican National Conventions, and served as the national chairman of the Republican Party. Joe Martin's devotion to his party during his half-century political career more than earned him his title of "Mr. Republican."

Although we were of different political persuasions, the Speaker represented what I consider to be the best of the great tradition of Massachusetts sons who come out of the State to a full and dedicated life of public service. I know all the people of Massachusetts, regardless of party affiliation, held Joe Martin in the highest esteem and join with me in mourning his passing. He leaves behind him a monument of accomplishments which will be a source of inspiration for generations yet to come.

Representative Kluczynski of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, it is a personal privilege to have this opportunity to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of Speaker Joe Martin. We were of different political parties, and often of differing persuasion in seeking to find the legislative policies that would best serve our Nation. No matter; the important thing was that it never ceased to be "our" Nation. Whatever our differences, we remained throughout Americans first and partisans thereafter.

It is this overriding characteristic, I think, that must stand out as the guidepost to the young people who learn by example from their elders. He was steadfastly faithful to responsibility.

It was a bonus to all of us who knew him, and particularly those of us who served with him, that he carried that recognized burden of responsibility with an unwavering belief in the stability of the Nation. Frustration comes easy in the Congress, and cynicism is never very far behind. But no frustration was ever great enough to lead Joe Martin to cynicism.

The Republican Party is justly proud of Joe Martin, but what is even more important, the country is proud of him, and the better for having had his long and faithful dedication to it.

Representative Kupferman of New York

Mr. Speaker, my first memory of Joe Martin was gaveling at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1940.

I had just graduated from college and was acting as an usher at the convention, and I appreciated the opportunity of observing him in action.

Some 26 years later in the 89th Congress when I took my seat as a Congressman from the 17th District of New York on February 23, 1966, to complete the unexpired term of John V. Lindsay who had been elected mayor of New York City, Joe Martin welcomed me.

As I sat next to him on the House floor and reminisced on the conventions of 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956 about which I knew, and in which he played a major role, it was as if history were being replayed.

Joe Martin did not come back to us in the 90th Congress, but there was no longer any point to it. He had made his mark in many years of service to his country and party. He had been Speaker during the 80th Congress and 83d Congress, a time when he was third in line in succession to the Presidency. He had, as minority leader in the House, helped shape national Republican policy for the loyal opposition.

In his older age, as a senior citizen and statesman, the routine of quorum calls could only be an echo of this former glory.

As a stalwart of the Republican Party in good and bad times, we salute Joe Martin and wish for him that he preside with equal diligence and dedication on the right hand of the Almighty.

Representative Laird of Wisconsin

Mr. Speaker, the Congress was saddened as indeed was the whole Nation to learn of the passing of the gentleman from Massachusetts,

former Speaker Joseph W. Martin. It was my privilege to come to this body at a time when he was Speaker during the 83d Congress. I learned much from him during those early years of my service and I shall forever be grateful to him for his guidance and understanding.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Martin was truly a great American and a great Republican. He served his party and his country well during 42 remarkable years of devoted service.

My first exposure to Joe Martin's political skill occurred at the 1948 Republican Convention—my first but the third over which he had presided as chairman. He also chaired the 1952 and 1956 conventions, but as a young State senator attending my first national convention as a delegate, I was impressed and inspired by Joe Martin's skill and effectiveness as the presiding officer of that convention.

Mr. Speaker, I join with all of my colleagues who knew and worked with Joe Martin during his remarkable service in this body in expressing my personal sorrow at his passing.

Mrs. Laird joins me in extending to the loved ones he left behind our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of a great American.

Representative McMillan of South Carolina

Mr. Speaker, we were all saddened when we learned of the passing of the late Speaker Joe Martin. I do not know of any man that ever served as a Member of the House of Representatives that had more real friends that the late Speaker Martin.

My office, when I came to Washington, was almost directly across the hall from Speaker Martin's office and I leaned heavily on him for advice. I never approached a Speaker of the House that had more consideration for a freshman Congressman than Speaker Martin. He always had time to discuss any and all problems with both Democrats and Republicans. Speaker Martin contributed so much to the well-being of our country during his service as a Member of the House and especially during the time he was serving as Speaker. I considered him one of the best personal friends I have had during my lifetime. We have had some great men serve as Members of the House of Representatives, but I do not know of anyone during my lifetime that possessed the common touch of all the Members as did the late Speaker Joe Martin.

I know that he made a desperate effort to preserve the dignity and the prestige of the Congress at all times and we can use more Members in this great body of Joe Martin's type during these confused times we are experiencing.

I know that this country is a better place to live because Joe Martin became a Member of the House of Representatives. His great contribution to this country and especially to the Congress of the United States will never be forgotten.

Representative Macdonald of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, it was indeed sad news when I learned of the passing of our beloved friend, Speaker Joe Martin. The life and deeds of this honorable man will not be forgotten now or in the centuries to come.

"Joe" Martin, as he was affectionately known, possessed a personality that radiated genuine good will and sincere fellowship. He served 42 years in the House as a Congressman from Massachusetts, starting in 1925. He was Speaker from 1946 to 1948 and from 1952 to 1954, and was leader of the House Republicans from 1936 to 1959.

Joe Martin was a good friend of mine. We served in Congress together from the same State from 1955 to 1967. I have never known a more friendly individual, a man who went out of his way to work with his colleagues, one with a kind word always. He was conscientous and sincere.

He always strived to do the right as he saw the right. He was consistent in his views and won the respect, admiration, and affection of all who knew him, regardless of whether or not they agreed with his position on all legislative matters. When taking the opposition, he was always an honorable opponent and, far from engendering bitterness, his tactics and friendly opposition served always to cement old friendships and ever win new friends for him.

It was once said by a distinguished statesman, "that a disposition to preserve and an ability to improve taken together would be my standard of a statesman." Measured by this yardstick, Joe Martin was every inch a statesman of the highest order. To me Joe Martin was the epitome of a gentleman. I greatly admired his courage and

judgment in public affairs and I know that this Nation is a better place to live because he lived and unselfishly served the country he loved.

I particularly liked the observations which were brought to my attention in an editorial tribute to former Speaker Martin in the Sioux City, Iowa, Journal. I can think of no better way to conclude my remarks than to quote part of that editorial, as follows:

During the more than 40 years Joseph W. Martin, Jr., served as a Member of Congress from Massachusetts, he saw history made and helped make it, was a friend and confidant of Presidents and other high-ranking officials, and had a deep devotion to his country which never faltered.

Twice "Joe" Martin was Speaker of the House of Representatives when the Republican Party was in power * * *.

His counterpart in Congress for many years was Sam Rayburn, Democrat of Texas, who served as Speaker when his party was in power, "Mister Sam" and "Joe" had great respect for each other and were firm friends despite their political differences * * *.

It was Speaker Sam Rayburn, Democrat, who once presented Joe Martin, Republican, to the House as a man of "unquestioned character, demonstrated ability, and a great, fine heart."

Both men now are gone, but Mister Sam's words stand as a fitting epitaph to his old friend, Joe Martin, who devoted a lifetime to his country.

Representative Morton of Maryland

Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve in the 88th and 89th Congresses with Joe Martin. We knew him as a man dedicated to his country and to the House of Representatives, in which he served for so many years. His devotion to duty has always been an inspiration to Republicans and Democrats alike.

Mr. Speaker, may I add to the words of my colleagues in tribute to Mr. Martin's long life and distinguished service to his country and to his colleagues in this great legislative body.

Senator Murphy of California

Mr. President, when historians of the next millennium look back with the wisdom of their hindsight to study the vibrant period in

which we live, they will find ample evidence that there were among us a select few men whose vision and deeds matched the ever-expanding challenges around us.

Such a man was the late Joseph W. Martin, Jr., whose public service over a period of more than half a century gave new meaning and strength to the word "statesmanship."

To those of us who knew and worked with him, he was truly "Mr. Republican," and we learned from being exposed to his political philosophy that the foundations of responsible partisanship must be courage, principle, and patriotism.

During his service in the House of Representatives, no major congressional effort failed to carry marks of his wisdom and legislative craftsmanship.

No State has failed to reap the rewards of his vision and labor.

No person today can live from dawn to dusk untouched by the benefits of those social programs and public works projects which surround us as living monuments to his interest in the undertakings which have made possible the enormous progress during the past 50 year.

More significantly, however, our Nation's generations of the future will find that through Joe Martin and a few other patriots of his rare breed, the spirit of our forefathers which he espoused and exemplified so completely has been transmitted to them untainted and undiminished.

This is his epitaph and his legacy.

It must and will endure.

Representative Natcher of Kentucky

Mr. Speaker, on last March 6 the House of Representatives, and this country as a whole, lost one of the great personalities and statesmen of our times in the passing in Florida of our former colleague and Speaker, the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

This outstanding legislator, whose humility and dignity lent charm to any occasion, will long be remembered for his great contributions to the era in which he lived and served with rare distinction. Joe

Martin was recognized throughout this country as a leader of men, dedicated to the principles of sound government.

I respected Joe Martin for his outstanding abilities as a lawmaker and admired him for his dedication as the chosen representative of his people. His devotion to his duties as Speaker of the House will forever be remembered as will be his numerous fine accomplishments in the Congress.

Representative Pirnie of New York

Mr. Speaker, the death of our former colleague, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, brought to an end a long and distinguished career of service to the Nation. We recall his rugged, New England character which made him a capable legislator and a respected leader for over 40 years. Honored by his party as floor leader, convention chairman, and as Speaker of the House, he lived through some of the most stirring days of the Republic and played an active role in its big moments.

My first personal contact with Joe occurred in the thirties when the Republican Party was seeking to pick itself up off the floor after the debacle of 1932. I recall his sage counsel and quiet determination. He was a real warhorse in those days and did much to encourage and strengthen Republican efforts. This attitude continued into his later years and he nearly achieved his wish of dying in the harness. Failing health brought its limitations and we were saddened by the change. But we are happy to remember those days of enthusiastic and dedicated service to the party and to the Nation. Joe Martin left an imprint that will remain for many a year. We, in this body, remember him with affection and respect.

Representative Poage of Texas

Mr. Speaker, Joe Martin was such a human and such a lovable character that I would not want to allow this opportunity to go by without adding my own word of appreciation for his long and sincere service to our country.

As would be imagined, I often found myself in disagreement with Mr. Martin, but I never found myself doubting his sincerity or patriotism. On two different occasions I served under Mr. Martin's speakership. He was partisan. He recognized that he was Speaker by reason of being a Republican, but he was fair and he was dedicated to the welfare of America—and as I see it, this is the test of a good public official.

Mr. Martin loved his colleagues and certainly all of the oldtimers, who knew him as I did, loved Joe Martin. I miss him and I feel that the country has lost a great American.

Commissioner Polanco-Abreu of Puerto Rico

Mr. Speaker, I was privileged more than most upon coming to Congress as a freshman legislator, because for 2 years I served with Joe Martin as a colleague.

Like others, I had become familiar with the reputation of this outstanding Republican leader. It was with some feeling of awe that I first met him; then, this feeling was replaced with one of admiration and respect; then, a feeling of warmth and friendship set in.

Here was a man of unusual accomplishment, who in an instant gave a freshman legislator the feeling that all of us are equal here, merely garbed with different clothes.

His simplicity, then, which I later learned was his characteristic, seemed strangely inconsistent with the stature of the man who had shared the speakership with the great Sam Rayburn.

Still, this was his character, and because it was, this thought has persisted with me:

Few thought of Joe Martin as kingly among men because he was a humble man, but his heart beat in the breast of a powerful man, a leader of men, a man cut from stronger cloth than most leaders.

The years had advanced on Joe Martin when I knew him, but these qualities somehow were still evident.

He served brilliantly in the fruit of his years, both this country and its people and with the highest dedication. I should think that this would be his truest monument.

Representative Roybal of California

Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my fellow Members of the House in offering tribute to the memory of the late Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a Member of Congress from the State of Massachusetts for 42 years.

Joe Martin, as he was affectionately known by his many friends throughout the country, was a gentleman in the truest sense of that word, and history will record him as a real statesman and great patriot.

He was particularly helpful to younger Members of the House, and shared with us all the deep respect for the traditions of democracy and freedom of expression that have made the Congress the essential institution in America's revolutionary experiment in government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

I consider it an honor to have had the privilege of serving in the House with the late Speaker Martin, and I extend my sincere sympathy to his loved ones and to his many friends.

Senator Scott of Pennsylvania

Mr. President, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who passed away this past March, was a legend in his own lifetime. He was an honored and beloved man whose influence was felt by all who came into contact with him during his career in public life. He answered to many names—Mr. Speaker, the minority leader, "Mr. Republican," and simply Joe. In all of those roles his guiding purpose was service—to his party, to the House of Representatives, and to his Nation.

His legislative career began in 1912 as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1924 and served continuously through the 89th Congress. He was the Republican leader of the House from the 76th to the 85th Congresses, and was Speaker in the 80th and 83d Congresses.

He first attended a Republican National Convention as a delegate in 1916. He was permanent chairman of the Republican National Conventions of 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956.

I had the great privilege to know him and to learn from him both on the floor of the House and on the convention floor. I was first elected to the House of Representatives during the 1940 campaign of Wendell L. Willkie, which was managed by Joe Martin. As national chairman of my party during the Dewey campaign of 1948, I again had the great good fortune to work closely with Joe Martin.

Joe Martin was a very special person, and he occupies a special place in the memory of everyone who knew him. His long and dedicated service will assure him a special place in the annals of American history.

Senator Symington of Missouri

Mr. President, Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., was one of the great Americans of this century.

At the time he and the late Speaker Sam Rayburn alternately directed the destinies of the House of Representatives, that legislative body was never higher in prestige.

Joe Martin was a fine, fair, and able public servant.

He was my longtime friend. The Nation misses his wisdom and advice, as do those like me who respected him and were devoted to him.

Senator Thurmond of South Carolina

Mr. President, I wish to add my comments to those which have been expressed in honor of the late Congressman Joseph W. Martin, former Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives during the 80th and 83d Congresses. When Joe Martin died, our Nation lost one of its great statesmen and great personalities. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1924, serving in the 69th and each succeeding Congress including the 89th; he was elected minority leader in the 76th through 85th Congresses except the 80th and 83d in which he served as Speaker.

Joe Martin was one of the stalwarts of the middle 20th century. He protected our two-party system and helped to preserve the Republican Party which I have grown to respect and adopted as my own. He was his party's leader in the House of Representatives for 20 years, and it was because of his dynamic leadership that he acquired the well-deserved title of "Mr. Republican."

Mr. President, the whole Nation was saddened by the death of Joe Martin, and this sadness was deepest among those who knew him as a legislator. He was a great American, and his efforts helped to preserve the freedoms and opportunities of our great Nation for generations to come.

Senator Tower of Texas

Mr. President, the death of Joseph Martin, Jr., ends the career of one of America's great political figures as well as one of our Nation's most devoted public servants and courageous Republicans. Though he was twice Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 80th and 83d Congresses, this grand old man of the Grand Old Party was always most devoted to the problems and people of his home constituency in southeastern Massachusetts. Though he rose to the ranks of next in line to the Presidency, Joseph Martin was a gentleman who never lost the common touch. No constituent problem was to be overlooked by the 21-term veteran Representative from Massachusetts' 10th Congressional District.

Joseph Martin rose to his position of leadership from extremely humble beginnings. The eldest son of a blacksmith, Joe Martin, Jr., as a small lad helped his family survive by holding a job as a newspaper carrier. Declining a scholarship to college in order to continue his early career as a journalist, young Martin worked and sent his two younger brothers to college instead. At the age of 24, he became perhaps the youngest publisher of a daily newspaper in the country when he and his fellow townsmen raised money to purchase the North Attleboro Chronicle.

Never one to rest on his laurels or shy away from greater service, Joseph Martin interrupted his journalism career with service in the

Massachusetts House of Representatives and State senate. His brief retirement from politics in 1917 ended with his election to the U.S. House in 1925. From then on his ability as a party campaign chairman, which resulted in 80 new Republicans in 1938, won him a devotion from his colleagues that resulted in his selection as minority leader. From 1939 on, he was the Republican leader of the House for over two decades, permanent chairman of five GOP National Conventions, twice Speaker of the House, and in 1947 he was in line of succession to President Harry Truman.

But, beyond all the heights he achieved as a politician and American statesman, I most admire Joseph Martin, Jr., for his simple faith in the people as the backbone of our democracy and democratic structures. When defeated for a 22d term in the House, Congressman Martin so nobly replied:

> I've always done the best I know how. If the people want me, fine. If they don't, I ain't going to get upset.

His own remarks in 1966 remain as a fitting tribute to a man whose era has passed but who will be remembered and admired for decades to come.

Representative Van Deerlin of California

Mr. Speaker, the death of Joe Martin was a loss to us all, on both sides of the aisle. This great citizen of Massachusetts and the United States earned both his titles, "Mr. Speaker" and "Mr. Republican." He wore both of them well.

His record of service was nearly unprecedented. During his 42 years in this body, he was the leader of his party for 20 years and Speaker for four. He presided over five national conventions.

Although the dominant figure in his party for many years, Joe Martin was never a narrow partisan. He worked closely with a great Democratic Speaker, Sam Rayburn, to help guide our country through some of the truly momentous periods of her history. The United States and the free world are far stronger today because of the type of leadership provided by Mr. Martin and Mr. Rayburn.

When I came to Congress in 1963, Mr. Martin had already been

here 38 years. Because of his towering reputation, he was, of course, well known to me before I actually met him. The fact that he was unfailing in the consideration and courtesy which he showed younger Members only increased the high regard in which I held him.

Speaker Martin was a patriot in the finest sense of the word; he was also a gracious and kindly human being.

Representative Whalley of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, the passing of the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., represents a great loss to America as he was one of the Nation's outstanding men. His passing is especially mourned in this House of Representatives.

He dedicated over a half a century to public service and directed this Chamber as Speaker of the House for the 80th and 83d Congresses.

Joseph Martin, who served so long and so well the people of Massachusetts and his beloved country, was a man whose integrity and decency will be long remembered in these Halls and throughout this Nation.

He served in some of the most difficult jobs this House offers and devoted many years of hard work to the ideals of our country.

We must not only grieve his passing but also rejoice that he had lived to give his life in public service to the entire Nation. His selfless dedication is an inspiration to all of us.

Joe Martin was a good man. He deserved the confidence, trust, and respect he earned from his colleagues. He won my warm, personal affection.

We shall long cherish the memory of the Honorable Joseph Martin, Jr.

Representative Bob Wilson of California

Mr. Speaker, the career of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., was a capsulization of American political life.

From his first days in Congress to the pinnacle of his political

power, Joe Martin was a consummate gentleman, a hard-hitting, fair political partisan, and an unabashed Republican all the way.

His was the opportunity to serve the Nation and his party as Speaker of the House. He saw the political fortunes of his beloved Republican Party fluctuate from high to low and back to high. Throughout his years of service in the Congress, Joe was marked by an unflagging reputation for integrity. His unceasing work on behalf of Republicanism earned for him the well-deserved appellation of "Mr. Republican."

Joe Martin lived in an era of tumult and change. He made and left his mark on the Nation he loved, on his congressional district and on the House of Representatives he served so long and so well. His wise counsel and thoughtful guidance will be missed.

Representative Wylie of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, it was not my privilege to serve in Congress with the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., but I had a "personal" acquaintance with the works of this great man through friends of mine and constituents of his while attending school in Massachusetts, and his reputation was known to all.

The memory of the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., long will be honored and cherished in the Halls of Congress and in the memories of all who knew him.

As a first citizen of his State and his Nation, Congressman Martin represented the best of the qualities needed today in both community and national life.

As a leader in Congress and in his party, he exemplified the wise guidance and decisiveness in public life which helped bring solutions to many critical problems.

We are grieved by the death of our leader and friend. We are inspired to greater understanding and increased effort by the rich heritage Congressman Martin has left to those who follow him.

OTHER ENCOMIUMS

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of the United States

Joe Martin's Newspaper Records His Death and Funeral

Mr. BATES. Mr. Speaker, as we in the Congress continue to honor the memory of our beloved former Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., it is especially appropriate that we quote from the newspaper which he proudly published for many years, the Evening Chronicle of North Attleboro, Mass., Joe's hometown.

The articles, including tributes, printed in the Chronicle concerning Joe Martin's death and funeral contribute much to the permanent record of this great man. I should also note that similar accounts appeared in a second newspaper of which he was publisher, the Sentinel of Franklin, Mass.

Along with picture highlights of his career and numerous other tributes by local area friends, Joe Martin's paper reported the story over 3 days. Pertinent excerpts follow:

[From the North Attleboro (Mass.) Evening Chronicle, Mar. 7, 1968]

FORMER SPEAKER JOE MARTIN DIES—TOWN MOURNS DEATH OF BELOVED FAVORITE SON

Joseph W. Martin Jr., the son of a North Attleboro blacksmith who became a towering figure in American politics, died yesterday in Hollywood, Fla., at the age of 83.

The former House Speaker, whose career in Washington spanned more than 40 years and made him an intimate of countless world figures, was stricken at his vacation retreat in Fort Lauderdale and taken to Hollywood's Memorial Hospital where he succumbed. He was the publisher of the Sentinel (of Franklin, Mass.) and the North Attleboro Chronicle.

His passing evoked a kaleidoscope of memories for his hometown intimates and for those in public life who sought his counsel and waged the political struggles of the Nation's capital with him—or against him—for two generations.

He was a figure of prominence in the Nation's highest councils through two wars, a depression, and a half dozen administrations, and at one time was only the proverbial heartbeat away from the Presidency.

But his hometown knew him as a quiet, stolid, friendly man whose memory for names, faces, and the problems of his constituents bordered on the mystical.

When he returned home from the political battles of Capitol Hill, he either rested at the family home on Grove Street, or held court in the offices of the Evening Chronicle or behind an old-fashioned rolltop desk at the A. T. Parker Insurance Co.

His career in Congress spanned 42 years—from 1924 to 1966—but his life as a public figure began much earlier. Joe was only 24 when, with $1,000 of his own hard-earned money and $9,000 furnished by local businessmen, he purchased the Chronicle and became the nation's youngest publisher.

Even earlier, at 21, he had been a reluctant candidate for the North Attleboro School Committee, absorbing one of his rare political defeats by a scant 35 votes.

And he was already a businessman when he began selling newspapers at the age of 6 to supplement his family's income.

A good enough ballplayer to receive a scholarship offer from Dartmouth, Joe bypassed college life to continue helping with the support of his family.

A good student in high school, he graduated with high honors at 17 and foreshadowed his newspapering career by accepting a reporter's job.

ELECTED STATE LEGISLATOR

By the time he reached his midtwenties, he was developing a growing interest in politics, stimulated by his successful management of a friend's candidacy for the legislature. At 27, he decided to take a crack at the legislature himself, and won election by an easy margin. He remained there for 3 years and served a similar term in the State senate.

After taking 5 years off from the political wars, Joe accepted the key post of executive secretary of the Republican State Committee, and held the job until he, himself, became a Member of Congress in 1924.

He served through the administrations of Coolidge and Hoover, survived the Democratic sweep of 1932, and gradually rose in power within GOP ranks. Early in his career, he was named to the House Rules Committee.

By 1936, he had won sufficient respect to be named eastern campaign manager for the presidential election, later becoming assistant to the leader of the House minority.

Joe was regarded as a key figure in the genesis of a Republican resurgence in 1938 when, with the North Attleboro man functioning as chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, the GOP doubled its strength in the House. He became Republican leader of the Congress in 1939.

From that point on, he became the man to see in the Congress—an expert "cloakroom politician" who could settle issues in a quiet, direct way without the flamboyance which characterized the style of many politicians.

BECOMES SPEAKER

By 1946, his preeminence was firmly established, and he became the Speaker of the House. He was to become one of the most beloved and respected figures on the national political scene over a span of 20 more years after he achieved the political pinnacle for the first time, a pinnacle he was to share over the next few years with his friend and colleague, Democrat Sam Rayburn of Texas. He also was chairman of the GOP National Convention five times.

Long regarded as one of the Nation's most eligible bachelors, Joe never married, leading a circumspect, abstemious private life whether he was in Washington or at home.

His home on Grove Street bore to the visitor the earmarks of a museum of national history—an archives of mementoes from nationally and internationally famous personages from all walks of life. He accumulated scores of gavels during his travels, and one, appropriately enough, still maintains order at meetings of the North Attleboro Board of Selectmen.

SCHOOL BEARS NAME

Less than 2 years ago, a grateful hometown named its new elementary school off Landry Avenue the Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Elementary School. No other living person had ever been so honored.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO AN OLD FRIEND

Gov. John A. Volpe today led State officials in mourning the death of former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Governor Volpe said, "Speaker Martin's death is a loss, not only to the people of Massachusetts, but to the entire country. His untiring efforts in the cause of good government will be ever remembered.

"I was most proud," the Governor continued, "to be able to number him among my longtime friends, and his counsel and advice were always welcomed by me as they were by all who were privileged to know him.

"Joe Martin contributed greatly to the welfare of his fellow men and served as an example of one who devoted his life to the service of others."

[From the North Attleboro (Mass.) Evening Chronicle, Mar. 8, 1968]

L. B. J., IKE, AND H. S. T. LAUD JOE—FORMER SPEAKER DIED OF RUPTURED APPENDIX

Presidents Johnson, Eisenhower, and Truman were among the national leaders who paused today to pay homage to the late Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who died Wednesday in Florida.

An autopsy has disclosed that the 83-year-old former House Speaker succumbed to peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix. His body arrived home last night for Monday's funeral.

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Mr. Martin, a Congressman for 42 years, collapsed at the Fort Lauderdale home of his nephew, George Kelley. Peritonitis apparently set in quickly, causing a fatal inflammation of the inner organs, according to the medical examiner. Mr. Martin succumbed en route to the Hollywood, Fla., Memorial Hospital.

The report added that Mr. Martin probably was unaware of the rupture which "is not necessarily painful" in a person of advanced years.

It is expected the town offices will be closed during the funeral. In a special tribute to the veteran legislator, schoolchildren will hold special assembly programs Monday. The principals at all schools will give appropriate talks, and special musical programs will be presented.

The town's school youngsters will send a large floral arrangement and the Joseph W. Martin School building committee will send a second floral piece.

PRESIDENTS' TRIBUTES

President Johnson lauded the former Speaker as a statesman "who placed the Nation's trust first. For half a century, Joe Martin demonstrated the finest qualities of legislator and statesman," the President said. "Among those of us who knew him well, and worked long hours at his side, he will be missed but affectionately remembered."

"He stood always on the side of the traditional American principles of representative government. Few men have contributed more to their party or their country," was the tribute paid by Ray Bliss, Republican national chairman.

Former President Eisenhower said he had lost "a dear, longtime friend. During my time as President, he was a loyal and efficient associate and valued counselor."

Another former President, Harry S. Truman, said he was "deeply sorry" to hear of Mr. Martin's death and declared that the North Attleboro man "served with distinction" in the Congress.

STATE HOUSE HONORS EX-SPEAKER JOE MARTIN

The following resolution was offered by Representative Donald Bliss, of North Attleboro, in the State House on Thursday:

"Resolution on the death of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of North Attleboro.

"Whereas, the Massachusetts House of Representatives learns with great sorrow of the death of one of the outstanding citizens in the Commonwealth, former U.S. Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of North Attleboro, who was a Member of Congress from 1924 to 1966; and

"Whereas, his political career dates back to 1911 when he was first elected as a member of this house, and later as a member of the Massachusetts Senate; and

"Whereas, during 20 years of his long and distinguished service in the U.S. House of Representatives, he was Republican leader, having been Speaker in 1947–48 and 1953–54, as minority leader until 1959, in addition to which he served as chairman of five consecutive Republican National Conventions starting with the one in 1940; and

"Whereas, the memory of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., will always recall to mind a hard working man of great amiability and unquestioned integrity, a capable and conscientious legislator who stood as a symbol of unselfish devotion to public service; Therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That the Massachusetts House of Representatives hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the death of Joseph W. Martin, Jr.; and be it further

"*Resolved,* That these resolutions be entered into the Journal of the House and an engrossed copy thereof be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the family of the late Joseph W. Martin, Jr."

PLAN SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL FOR "JOE"

The Kiwanis Club announced today that it will create a "Joe Martin Memorial" scholarship fund to honor the memory of the former House Speaker who died Wednesday in Florida.

The club, acting with the approval of the Martin family, is asking that donations be made to the fund in lieu of flowers at Monday's funeral services.

When the campaign is concluded, the funds will be included either in the North Attleboro Scholarship Foundation or will be established as a permanent separate fund in its own name.

[From North Attleboro (Mass.) Evening Chronicle, Mar. 11, 1968]

TOWN BIDS FAREWELL TO BELOVED JOE MARTIN—HUNDREDS ATTEND FINAL RITES FOR FORMER SPEAKER

Former Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., was eulogized as "a good Christian and a gentleman to the core" this forenoon as North Attleboro bade farewell to its most famous native son during a requiem mass at St. Mary's Church.

The words were uttered by the Most Reverend James L. Connolly, D.D., bishop of the Fall River diocese, during a service attended by high State and National figures and Mr. Martin's lifelong friends from North Attleboro.

Hundreds listened solemnly to the bishop's words while hundreds more

stood outside the church to share in the valedictory to the 83-year-old former House Speaker.

The bishop linked Mr. Martin with the many statesmen who have served the Nation from Massachusetts, declaring that few of them could match his "simple loyalty and devotion" to the cause of public service.

"Joe Martin made friends because he was a friend," the bishop declared. "Goodness belongs to God, but kindness is certainly the mark of a good Christian and a gentleman to the core. These were the characteristics of this man."

Onlookers stood 10 deep along the church stairways as prominent personalities filed into the sanctuary for the 10 o'clock service.

Among those present were former U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Attorney General Elliot C. Richardson, Lt. Gov. Francis Sargent, Congresswoman Margaret M. Heckler, who succeeded the former House Speaker in Congress; Massachusetts Congressmen William Bates, Hastings Keith, Silvio O. Conte, F. Bradford Morse, and Rhode Island's Robert Tiernan.

Former Attorney General Edward McCormack, Commissioner of Administration Anthony DeFalco, former Congressman Laurence Curtis, State Senator John F. Parker, District Attorney Edmund Dinis, Mrs. Robert Amesbury, and Mrs. Georgia Ireland of the Republican State committee, State Senator John M. Quinlan, Norfolk County Register of Deeds L. Thomas Schine, city and town officials from the Attleboros, Plainville, and other communities; and Judge Edward A. Lee, presiding justice of the fourth district court.

A number of former St. Mary's priests attended the service, either as participants or as mourners. Msgr. Robert F. Stanton, a former curate here and now serving at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River, was the deacon, and the Reverend Arthur G. Considine, another former curate now serving at St. Mary's Church in South Dartmouth, was subdeacon.

Deacons of honor were the Reverend David O'Brien of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Fall River and the Reverend Howard A. Waldron, another former local curate now at St. Thomas More Church in Somerset.

Also participating were Msgr. Raymond Considine of the diocesan hierarchy, the Reverend Reginald Barrette, chancellor of the diocese who functioned as master of ceremonies; and the Reverend William Blottman, St. Mary's curate who assisted the master of ceremonies.

Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Over 1,300 Pay Homage to Late Joe Martin

Public and private citizens from all walks of life converged on the Sperry-DeBlois Funeral Home during the weekend to pay homage to late former Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

More than 1,300 persons, including U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke and several congressional personalities, thronged the funeral home Saturday and Sunday to honor the former House Speaker, whose death last Wednesday in

Florida ended a career which spanned more than 40 years of eminence in Washington political circles.

Congresswoman Margaret M. Heckler, the only person to defeat Mr. Martin in a congressional election, appeared and paid her final respects, as did Congressman Robert McClory, of Illinois; Senator John F. Parker, of Taunton; former Massachusetts Attorney General Clarence Barnes, of Mansfield; Jarvis Hunt, former president of the Massachusetts Senate; and industrial leaders from throughout the area.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy called the funeral home Sunday night and expressed his regret at his inability to attend today's rites. The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs sent delegations, and the Elks and VFW conducted rituals at the funeral home.

NATIONALIST CHINESE TRIBUTE

Meanwhile, messages of condolence continued to pour into town from all over the world. One of the messages came from Nationalist Chinese President and Madam Chiang Kai-shek, who said they were "deeply grieved to learn of the passing of our old friend Speaker Martin. The world will long remember him for his valiant courage and unflinching stand for righteousness and justice.

"His loss is not only to his country but to all freedom-loving people everywhere."

The wire, addressed to Albert L. Martin, the late Congressman's brother and editor of the North Attleboro Chronicle, said, "To you and other members of his family, we send our heartfelt condolences."

NEIGHBORING TOWN MESSAGE

The Plainville Board of Selectmen also expressed grief on its part and in behalf of the people of the neighboring community.

" 'Joe,' as his friends and neighbors used to call him, was Mr. North Attleboro and Mr. Integrity to all of us, both young and old, and a model by which to live our own lives.

"As he advanced in the service of his country and of his constituents through the various stages of his political career," the letter said, "his name was passed down from generation to generation as a statesman, a gentleman, and a symbol of honesty and integrity in political office."

He was "a man who throughout his more than three generations of political life never forgot his district, his hometown, or his friends and neighbors," the letter said. "Even when he was next in line for the Presidency, his friends had no fear, because they knew that, should the occasion arise, and 'Joe' had to assume the highest office in our land, he was qualified, honest, and able to lead our Nation."

Philippine Condolences

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to insert in the RECORD a telegram received by the Speaker from the Honorable Jose B. Laurel, Jr., Speaker of the Congress of the Philippines, and our Speaker's response thereto in connection with the death of former Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr.:

MARCH 8, 1968.

Speaker JOHN MCCORMACK,
House of Representatives,
U.S. Congress, Washington, D.C.:

For and in behalf of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the Philippines and in my own as its speaker, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the lamented demise of former Speaker Joseph Martin equally a great speaker and leader of the opposition. Accept, Mr. Speaker, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished considerations.

JOSE B. LAUREL, Jr., *Speaker.*

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., March 8, 1968.

Hon. JOSE B. LAUREL, Jr.,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Republic of the Philippines,
Manila, the Philippines.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I appreciate very much the cablegram that you sent to me, conveying to me and the Members of the House of Representatives, from you and the Members of your great body, your sympathy in the death of former Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr. This action on your part and your colleagues touches me very much, as well as the other Members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Your thoughtul expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. MCCORMACK.

Letters of Tribute

Mr. BATES. Mr. Speaker, among the many tributes to former Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., were some which heretofore have not been brought to the attention of the Congress and, through it,

to the general public. I wish, therefore, at this time to present some of these as part of "The Joe Martin Story."

Two distinguished former U.S. Senators from Massachusetts expressed their sympathy in letters to Mr. Martin's family, which has made them available for inclusion here.

Said Leverett Saltonstall:

(Joe) was a patriotic American citizen in the best sense of the word, but he never forgot his friends and relatives at home.

I shall never forget Joe's remarks to me that the people in your district or State are those who make it possible for you to carry on your services in our National Government in Washington. As you well know, he toured his district every year. I tried to follow his example in this State as Governor and Senator.

We were friends over many years, and like many others I shall miss his kind smile and advice on practical political affairs in the years to come.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge wrote:

(Joe) was an old friend, going back so many years—to the time when he managed my grandfather's campaign for reelection in 1922. I always enjoyed my many contacts with him. You and yours can indeed be proud of his life, so full of service and friendship.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Farrington, who before Hawaii attained its statehood completed the unexpired term of her husband, the late Delegate Joseph Farrington, and was then elected to a full 2-year term as Hawaii delegate, told the Martin family:

The Speaker spent so many years in the House of Representatives and was always recognized as so fair with all Members on both sides of the aisle. * * *

From the time my husband took a seat in Congress, there was no time when we needed a sympathetic ear for Hawaii that we couldn't go to Speaker Martin. Congressmen are always so busy, but Mr. Martin always saw us.

Hawaii has lost a great friend and the Nation has lost one of the most beloved and sincere Members of Congress in my generation.

Former Postmaster General James A. Farley stated:

During the years when I was part of the Washington scene I saw a great deal of him, and in the years which have followed I saw considerable of him at different gatherings and functions. I had great admiration for Joe because he was a man of honor and his word was his bond. He had the esteem and warm liking of all who came within range of his influence, and he will be long remembered by his friends and acquaintances.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said of Joe Martin:

He dedicated his life to the service of his fellow man and his contribution to our American way of life will be a lasting memorial to him. I am proud to be counted among his friends.

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, wrote:

Mr. Martin's passing has left the Nation with a deep sense of loss.

And he continued:

His career in public office was distinguished by an adherence to principles and a philosophy grounded in the traditions of his State and the Federal Government. He earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues in the Congress and the public to a degree seldom equaled.

The contributions he made to the land he loved and defended with an intense and unfailing loyalty will long stand as a monumental inspiration to the generations which follow.

Newspaper Editorials

Editorial eulogies to former Speaker Joe Martin appeared in newspapers in all parts of the country. Typical of these are the following:

[From the Fall River (Mass.) Herald News]

From 1924 to 1966 Joe Martin represented this congressional district in Washington. During that long period of time he rose to one of the highest positions in the Nation. He was twice Speaker of the House of Representatives, and for part of the first term of President Harry Truman, he was next in line for the Presidency. For 20 years he was the leader of the Republicans in the House, and for all those years he was one of the most powerful men in Washington.

In spite of these honors, however, Congressman Martin remained throughout his career deeply interested in the problems and concerns of individual members of his constituency. No one approached either "Joe" Martin or his staff with a problem they did not try to solve. If ever there was a congressman who bore in mind his responsibility to the individuals he represented, it was he.

The great good will he built up over the years was evident in his successive reelections. It was also evident in the many official honors he received. Throughout his life "Joe" Martin was loyal to the principles that had served

him so well in his own career. Sometimes that loyalty made him the object of gentle satire from his political opponents, but in the long run it won even their liking and respect.

This city always found "Joe" Martin responsive to its needs. Over the years, it grew to regard him as a friend as well as a congressman. And it is to an old and good friend that Fall River pays Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former Speaker of the National House of Representatives, its last respects. He will be remembered.

[From the Boston (Mass.) Herald-Traveler]

In American society, rising from modest beginning to power and fame is not unique. But few men have risen as far and stayed at the top as long as Joseph W. Martin, Jr., whose career was service to that society.

Son of a North Attleboro blacksmith, Mr. Martin served 42 years in Congress, half of that time as Republican leader of the House. He presided over more GOP National Conventions (five) than any other man. As Speaker of the House when Harry Truman was President, the Massachusetts Republican was the proverbial heart-beat away from the Presidency. And some GOP leaders thought of him as a potential nominee for the office.

While he was recognized as a national leader of great influence and capability many of his constituents back home in Massachusetts knew him also as a friend they could turn to for aid with small problems as well as great. He was never too busy to help. The people's trust in him was reflected in his 21 successful campaigns for his House seat.

For many, one of the sharpest memories of Joe Martin is the good grace with which he accepted the end of his public service when it did finally come. He showed no bitterness when a GOP caucus voted to replace him as leader with Representative Charles A. Halleck in 1959. And in 1966, when Margaret M. Heckler defeated him in the primary, he took it philosophically and was able to quip: "If I'm the Republican Party's 'Grand Old Man,' someone forgot to tell them (the voters)."

But one election, of course, does not dislodge a title earned by a lifetime of accomplishment. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., dead this week at 83, was in truth and will remain in memory the Grand Old Man of the GOP, as well as a good public servant.

[From the Providence (R.I.) Journal]

The qualities displayed by Joseph W. Martin, Jr., were not the qualities usually associated with a successful politician. He was no back-slapping glad-hander, nor was he ever noted for his oratorical ability or his sartorial excellence.

Yet, Joe Martin was a remarkably successful politician. For 40 years, he was considered unbeatable in his congressional district, even though he was a Republican and the district often was strongly Democratic. For 20 years,

he led the House Republican forces, twice serving as Speaker, and on five occasions he was chosen by his party to be chairman of the GOP National Convention.

He accomplished all this because he was an amiable man, a generous man, and a man who earned respect for his integrity and his political shrewdness. Perhaps part of his charm was that he didn't look the part. A stranger would hardly identify this burly man in the rumpled suit as one of the influential leaders of a national party. But it may have been precisely this lack of affectation, this quality of being "plain as an old shoe," that made Joe Martin so well liked among his constituents and colleagues.

It is a tribute to the man and to our system that a young Joe Martin could start from scratch, work up the hard way, reach a position of great influence, and spin out a long and useful career in the service of his people, his party, and his Nation.

[From the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press]

Very few human beings become legends in their own time. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who died this week, was one of the very few.

For three decades, from the thirties through the fifties, Joe Martin of Massachusetts was one of the most influential men in America. Except for the strange twists of fate, he would have been President of the United States.

He was "Mr. Republican" to two generations of Americans before and after that title was given to Senator Robert Taft. Martin served as chairman of five straight Republican National Conventions, he was the Republican leader of the U.S. House of Representatives for 20 years, and he was the only Republican since the Coolidge-Hoover era to be Speaker of the House.

Martin and Sam Rayburn held a monopoly on the speakership from 1940 until Rayburn's death in 1961. Martin was Speaker in 1947–49 and 1953–55.

President F. D. Roosevelt campaigned for his third term in 1940 urging the Nation to defeat the combination of "Martin, Barton, and Fish." It became one of the most famous of all American political slogans.

Joe Martin finally wrote a book a few years ago. Entitled "My First 50 Years in Politics," it is one of the most fascinating political biographies we've ever read.

Here was a man who truly "moved the Nation," not for a few months or years but for half a century. Joe Martin always will be remembered as one of America's greatest political leaders, a legend in his own time, and probably the last of his kind in a nation which is noted for its fluctuations of leadership.

[From the New Haven (Conn.) Register]

Joseph W. Martin, Jr., is dead at 83. This man served his native State of Massachusetts in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1924 to 1966. His fame as a political power in his State dated back to 1911. It might be said that he had outlived his time. But it should be said that his service offered a model for his time—and for time yet to come.

Sharing, or deserving to share, the title of Mr. Republican with the late Senator Robert A. Taft, Joe Martin had a well-earned, and much-revered national reputation. He was, first, last, and all the time a politician—but in the truest and best sense of that word. He was unswervingly loyal to his party. But his first loyalty was to his country and to those whom he was elected to serve.

Thus, as another of the old guard dies, he leaves behind a life and a career of public service which could serve as a model for all who come after him. Were "public servants" to serve in the "Martin" manner, the Nation and its people would be the distinct beneficiaries—and the image of the politician would be less tarnished and far more polished than it is in this day of the credibility gap.

[From the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner]

Former Representative Joseph W. Martin's circle of friendship was not limited by political boundary lines, nor is the area of regret at his passing. He was held in respect and affection on both sides of the party aisle in Congress—a Massachusetts lawmaker of stature, whose 42-year tenure had the added distinction of two decades as Republican House leader and House Speaker in years of the party's congressional majority.

He served well, with no taint of partisanship where matters of national interest were concerned. As a parliamentarian he was a stickler for the rules of legislative order. In party affairs, as in his capacity repeatedly of chairman of national nominating conventions, he presided with dignity and firmness.

The Nation knew him as a man of strong convictions, whether occupying a seat on the floor—the representative of his constituents—or serving as presiding officer of the House. It esteems his memory.

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